

APPLICATION - FAQ

What is School Tuition Organization 4 Kidz(STO4KIDZ)?

STO4KIDZ is a school tuition organization (STO) which falls under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. We provide scholarships to qualifying students attending qualified private schools in Arizona and through tax credit contributions made by individuals and corporations.

STO4KIDZ is certified by the Arizona Department of Revenue to be in compliance with the Private School Tuition Tax Credit Requirements.

How to apply for scholarship for your student:

1. Complete STO4KIDZ online application.

The application process will cover the Individual, Switcher, and Corporate scholarship award opportunities for your student(s). One application is required for each school year.

2. Begin the enrollment process with the private school of choice. Your student must either be attending a private school or the enrollment is in process.

How often I need to apply for scholarship?

Must apply once per school year. Application is good for each school academic year and it expires at the end of each school year.

Scholarship Application Timeline:

1. May 1st, through July 1st.
2. November 1st, through December 1st.

If my student has been recommended by a donor, do I need to apply with STO4KIDZ?

Yes! A current completed application must be on file for STO4KIDZ to consider a scholarship for your student for the current academic school year. As a parent or guardian, you must apply every year, application expires at the end of each school year. Recommendations do not guarantee a scholarship and are not the only factor that STO4KIDZ considers when granting an award. We will do our best to meet every applicant's tuition need.

All students can be recommended for the Individual Original Tax Credit. STO4KIDZ awards minimum 90% of every dollar in scholarship, Monthly.

Note: Contributions/ Donations are accepted throughout the year. A minimum ninety percent of every contribution/ donation received by the 15th of each month are in-turn awarded in scholarship by the end of the same month. (August, through April of each school year)

Please contact us, if you are not sure your student may or may not qualify for the Switcher or the Corporate scholarships.

What are the bases of selecting students for scholarship awards?

1. Family Financial circumstances
2. Donor recommended contributions
2. A brief narrative about the student by parents/ guardian
3. Letters of recommendations for the student (**Considering student's age**)
4. Students with disabilities: Pre-school-12 grade (**Must provide supporting documents**)
5. Displaced student / Foster child (**Must provide supporting documents**) (please also see Corporate scholarship award eligibility)

Are homeschool students eligible for a scholarship?

No. Students must be enrolled in a private school full-time to receive STO scholarship.

Can we receive a scholarship if my student has an Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA)?

The ESA statute (A.R.S. §15-2402(B)(3)) requires that while a parent has a contract with the ESA program, a student **cannot** receive both ESA and STO money for the same period. The ESA program states that student may utilize an STO scholarship up to the start of ESA funding. Funding from the ESA program is on a quarterly basis and begins in the quarter following acceptance to the program. Once ESA funding begins, any outstanding STO scholarship money must be refunded by the private school to the STO.

When are scholarships distributed and how do I know my student has received an award?

STO4KIDZ awards monthly. You will be notified by an email each time your student receives an award. We will send a list of students and award amounts along with a check to schools.

Scholarship Award Timeline:

- Contributions/ Donations are accepted throughout the year. Minimum ninety percent of funds received by the 15th of each month are awarded as scholarships at the end of the same month (Beginning August 30th through April, 30th of each school year).
- All K-12 students can be recommended by Individual donors.
- Individual Original & Switcher awards: **Monthly**,
- Corporate Low-Income & Disabled/Displaced awards: **Twice a Year**. August 30th, & December 21st (December date may vary each year)
- You will be notified by email each time your student(s) receives scholarship from sto4kidz

NOTE: A school tuition organization cannot award, restrict, or reserve scholarships solely on the basis of a donor's recommendation. A taxpayer may not claim a tax credit if the taxpayer agrees to swap donations with another taxpayer to benefit either taxpayer's own dependent. A.R.S. 43-1603 (C). Any designation of your own dependent as a potential recipient is prohibited.