



Grant/Scholarship General Criteria 2025-2026

CRITERIA TO APPLY FOR AN AESF GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP –

- 1) Student (s) must attend an AESF member Episcopal school.
- 2) An AESF Grant/Scholarship Application and supporting documents must be completed for each child requesting funding.
- 3) Student (s) must meet minimum requirements for various types of tax credit funding available as described below:

ORIGINAL INDIVIDUAL Scholarship/Grant—

Items 1 & 2 above.

Scholarship prerequisites:

- A preschool student with disabilities must have an MET or IEP from an Arizona public school. A 504 plan does not meet this requirement.

SWITCHER INDIVIDUAL Scholarship/Grant—

Items 1 & 2 above PLUS . . .

Switcher Scholarship prerequisites:

The student must meet **ONE** of the following requirements:

- Attended an Arizona public school as a full-time student for at least 90 days of the prior fiscal year and then transferred from the public school to a private school; or
- Is enrolling or currently enrolled in a private school kindergarten.
- Is enrolling or currently enrolled in a private preschool program for students with disabilities. Pre-school students must have an MET or IEP from an Arizona public school. A 504 plan does not meet the requirement.
- Is a dependent of a member of the armed forces of the United States who is stationed in Arizona pursuant to military orders. Preschool students must also have an MET or IEP from an Arizona public school (a 504 plan does not meet the requirement).
- Student was homeschooled before enrolling in a private school.
- Student moved to this state from out of state before enrolling in a private school.
- Student participated in an Arizona Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) and did not renew the account or accept the ESA scholarship in order to accept a Switcher scholarship. Participated means the student received ESA funds from the ESA program.
- Students placed in foster care under certain circumstances (see A.R.S. §43-1603 E.7)
- **Received** a switcher individual scholarship under one of the above criteria in a prior year AND the child continued to attend private school in subsequent years. OR
- **Received** a low-income corporate scholarship or a disabled/displaced corporate scholarship in a prior year and the child continued to attend a private school in subsequent years.

CORPORATE Scholarship/Grant

Item 1 & 2 above PLUS . . .

Corporate Scholarship prerequisites:

Family income limitation in compliance to CORPORATE requirements - to qualify for a scholarship under the low-income corporate tax credit, the student's family income cannot exceed 185% of the income required to qualify a child for reduced price lunches **AND** student **MUST** meet **ONE** of the following:

- Attended an Arizona public school as a full-time student for at least 90 days of the prior fiscal year



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or one full semester and then transferred from the public school to a private school. Those students who transfer to a qualified school after the first full semester are eligible to receive a scholarship that same academic year.

- Is enrolling or currently enrolled in a private school kindergarten.
- Is enrolling or currently enrolled in a private preschool program for students with disabilities. Preschool students must have an MET or IEP from an Arizona public school. A 504 plan does not meet the requirement.
- Is a dependent of a member of the armed forces of the United States who is stationed in Arizona pursuant to military orders. Preschool students must also have an MET or IEP from an Arizona public school (a 504 plan does not meet the requirement).
- Student was homeschooled before enrolling in a private school.
- Student moved to this state from out of state before enrolling in a private school.
- Student participated in an Arizona Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) and did not renew the account or accept the ESA scholarship in order to accept a Low-Income scholarship. Participated means the student received ESA funds from the ESA program.
- Students placed in foster care under certain circumstances (see A.R.S. §43-1504 A.7)
- **Received** a low-income corporate scholarship under one of the criteria in a prior year and the child continued to attend a private school in subsequent years.
- **Received** an original individual scholarship or a switcher individual scholarship in a prior year and the child continued to attend a private school in subsequent years.

DISABLED/DISPLACED CORPORATE Scholarship/Grant

AESF does NOT participate in this funding program.

APPLICATION PROCESS—

1. Complete all forms in the application packet and submit to school development/registration/funding director according to the registration process of the school.
2. AESF member SCHOOL representative will review and authorize application & supporting documents to determine funding for which a student qualifies.
3. AESF member SCHOOL representative requests funding from AESF for a student or group of students and provides applications and supporting documentation.
4. AESF staff representative will review and verify all applications, forms and supporting documents received from member SCHOOL representatives. AESF staff will review and select funding recipients based on -
 - AESF member school funding request(s)
 - Qualifications based on various types of funding available
 - Financial need
5. AESF will notify member SCHOOL representative(s) of funding approvals.
6. Funds will be forwarded to member school on behalf of fund recipients.

INFORMATION & FORMS –

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AESF Grant/Scholarship Application

AESF Public School Attendance Verification Form