



Guide for Financial Aid

Two options are available to assist families in financing a student's Salpointe Catholic education. You can apply for both options, but you can only accept one option. ***You cannot combine Option 1: ESA and Option 2: Financial Aid, STOs or Tax Credits.***

Option 1: Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) Program

The Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) program is an account administered by the Arizona Department of Education and funded by state tax dollars to provide educational options for qualified Arizona students. By opting out of the public school system, parents can seek a range of alternative educational services, such as private school or home-based education. Empowerment Scholarships are funded at 90 percent of the state's per-student base funding. **In 2023-2024, Empowerment Scholarships are worth about \$7,500.** Apply online at <https://www.azed.gov/esa>

Option 2: Financial Aid, Scholarship Tuition Organizations (STOs) and Tax Credits. These can be combined/stacked together.

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November 1, 2023 - FAIR opens for applications for the 2024-2025 school year. All incoming freshmen, please apply by January 19, 2024. The late application deadline is April 19, 2024. Apply online to Financial Aid Independent Review (FAIR) at www.fairapp.com. **Awards for the 2023-2024 school year range from \$1000 to \$6000. This award is based on financial needs.**

School Code: 800 School Password: ctso800

Please fax or upload a copy of your 2022 tax return as well as 2022 W-2s or your final paystubs for 2023 for income verification. Once 2023 tax returns are complete, submission of your updated tax return is required. Tax returns must be faxed directly to FAIR at 651-204-0013. For questions, please call FAIR at 877-676-3247.

Salpointe will send award notifications for those who meet the January 19 deadline by the end of February 2024. Late applicants will receive notification in June 2024.

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact the Financial Aid Office:
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Scholarship Tuition Organizations (STO): Other funds may be available for your student through other need-based Student Tuition Organizations. Please look at websites for actual application dates as they are not currently available. A full list of other agencies is available on our website at www.salpointe.org.

Arizona Leadership Foundation (ALF): 928-231-2122 | www.arizonaleader.org. Application opens April 15, 2024*

AAA Scholarship Foundation (AAA): 888-707-2465 | <https://www.aascholarships.org/parents/arizona>. Application opens March, 2024*

Arizona Tuition Connection (ATC): 480-409-4106 | www.arizonatuitionconnection.com. Applications open May 1, 2024*

Institute for Better Education (IBE): 520-512-5438 | www.ibescholarships.org. Applications open in February 2024*

Arizona School Choice Trust (ASCT): 623-414-3429 | www.asct.org. Application fee \$35. Application opens January 24th, 2024*

Tuition Organization for Private Schools (TOPS): 480-414-8677 | www.topsforkids.com. Application opens May 1, 2024*

Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund (APESF): 480-699-8911 | www.APESF.org. Application opens March 1, 2024*

School Choice Arizona, Inc.: 480-722-7502 | www.schoolchoicearizona.org. Application opens March 1, 2024*

****Tentative application dates. Please visit each STO website for the most updated application information.***

Tax Credits/Referral Program: Families in Arizona can encourage members of their family or friends to direct a portion of their Arizona state tax dollars to a student for private school education tuition. This is a dollar-for-dollar match. There are no income restrictions and there are no limits as to how many you can get for your student.

Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO): 520-838-2558 | <https://www.ctso-tucson.org/>

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