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Financial Resources

2020 - 2021

Summary

- Kindergarten – 8th Grade are eligible
- Each family's unique financial situation is considered when assessing needs
- All tuition assistance applications and determinations are made by a third party
- Families must be committed to stewardship and Scrip program participation
- CEA is the primary STO that STA encourages families to participate – all STA parents need to redirect to CEA



Financial Aid Independent Review (FAIR)

- Primary agency to review scholarship applications
- Award amount varies
- First round applications due around April 15th, awards notified end of June 2020
- Application fee approx. \$27
- School code: 700
- School password: cea700
- <https://www.fairapp.com/Index.aspx>

Student Tuition Organizations (STO)



- Organizations that raise tuition funding for eligible students who enroll in accredited private schools through state tax dollars
- Taxpayers who donate to STOs are eligible for a tax credit
- Individual and corporate scholarship awards available
- Contact STO of your choice for details



Student Tuition Organizations (STO) – Preferred Partners

- AAA Scholarship Foundation – www.aaascholarships.org
- AZ 4 Education – www.az4education.org
- AZ School Choice Trust (ASCT) – www.asct.org
- Arizona Leadership Foundation – www.arizonaleader.org



Student Tuition Organizations (STO) – Preferred Partners

- Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc. (APESF) – www.apesf.org
- Brophy Community Foundation – www.brophyfoundation.org
- Catholic Education Arizona (CEA) – www.catholiceducationarizona.org
- Institute for Better Education (IBE) – www.ibescholarships.org



Student Tuition Organizations (STO) – Preferred Partners

- Pappas Kids Scholarship Foundation – www.pappaskidssf.org
- Tuition Organization for Private Schools (TOPS for Kids) – www.topsforkids.com



Empowerment Scholarship Account Program (ESA)

- Administered by the Arizona Department of Education that is funded by state tax dollars to provide educational options for qualified Arizona students
- Primarily for students with disabilities and active military families
- <https://www.azed.gov/esa/>



Recommendations

- Review eligibility with each vendor for your options
- Take action and apply – sooner than later
- School Contact for Tuition Questions

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