



## VERDE VALLEY SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (VVSTO) APPLICATION

***VVSTO awards scholarships twice a month. Applying early allows more opportunities for your student to receive scholarship awards during the school year.***

By filling out our application you are applying for tuition assistance with VVSTO for your full-time child attending a private Arizona school or who is in the enrollment process. If a private school only offers half day kindergarten classes that satisfy kindergarten requirements, then the student is considered full-time.

As a parent or guardian, you need to apply one time per school year. Incomplete applications will not be considered for a scholarship award. Please make sure you have read the instructions carefully, answered all questions and have included all the necessary information and documentation required when applying.

**Please note if your child has a contract with ESA (Empowerment Scholarship Account):** *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. Tax credit scholarships and ESA funds cannot be used at the same time to pay a student's tuition. The law was further clarified by the Arizona Department of Education Administration attorneys and it was announced in April 2023 that for **2023-2024 families must choose their school choice funding option, either ESA or STO scholarships, for the entire academic year.***

### APPLICANT INFORMATION:

NAME PARENT 1: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME PARENT 2: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS PARENT 1: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS PARENT 2: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBLE PARENT(S): (circle one) PARENT 1      PARENT 2      BOTH      OTHER\*

\* EXPLAIN **OTHER** CIRCUMSTANCES:

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## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & DEFINITIONS:**

*Please read the following section carefully to ensure full understanding and compliance with the application requirements of VVSTO. Your signature following this section will indicate you have read and agree to follow the application requirements as set forth.*

**Please complete the entire application.** All areas must be filled in even if zero-dollar amount or it does not apply to your situation. For zero-dollar amount, enter \$0.00; enter N/A if it does not apply.

A scholarship awarded by VVSTO may only be used as allowed by Arizona law solely for tuition expenses for a child enrolled in K-12 grade at a qualified private school in the state of Arizona. Any unused portion must be returned to VVSTO for reallocation. VVSTO will not award, restrict or reserve scholarships solely on the basis of a donor's recommendation. A donor's recommendation of a student does not guarantee that a scholarship will be awarded. A variety of considerations will be made, including financial need, before a scholarship is awarded. All final decisions to award tuition scholarships are subject to the sole and absolute discretion of VVSTO. A taxpayer may not claim a tax credit if they agree to swap donations with another taxpayer to benefit either taxpayer's own dependent. An email notification will be sent to applicants receiving an award. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to the student's race, color, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin.

## **APPLICATION DEFINITIONS:**

**"Earnings From Work Before Deductions" (as stated below for each family member) includes:**

- Wages, salaries, tips, commissions
- Net income from self-owned businesses and farms
- Strike benefits, unemployment compensation and worker's compensation

**"Pensions, Retirement, Social Security" (as stated below for each family member) includes:**

- Pensions, retirement income, veteran's benefits
- Social security
- Supplemental security income
- Disability benefits

**"Welfare, Child Support, Alimony" (as stated below for each family member) includes:**

- Public assistance payments/welfare benefits (TANF, General Assistance, etc.)
- Alimony
- Child Support Payments

\*Do not include food stamps and FDPIR benefits in income.

**"All Other Income" (as stated below for each family member) includes:**

- Net rental income, annuities, net royalties
- Interest, dividend income
- Cash withdrawn from savings
- Income from estates, trust and/or investments
- Regular contributions from persons not living in the household
- Any other money that may be available to pay for
- the child(ren)'s meals



Annual household income is defined as your total income for an entire calendar year. Include income from the following sources:

Household Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Earnings from Work before Deductions: \_\_\_\_\_

Pensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Retirement: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security: \_\_\_\_\_

Welfare: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Support: \_\_\_\_\_

Alimony: \_\_\_\_\_

All Other Income: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Income: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check ALL hardships/ special circumstances that apply.

Add'l Services Required for Child with Physical or Learning Disabilities

Single Parent

Loss of Home / Foreclosure

Divorce / Separation

Applicant (student) has been or is currently in Foster Care System

Applicant (student) has an IEP or 504 Plan from a Public School

Recent job loss of a parent

Death of applicant's (student's) parent

Medical Expenses due to terminal illness of an immediate family member

Parent on disability

(Optional) Please include an explanation of your circumstances as indicated above, or summarize any information not included thus far on the application:

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If you are applying for an **Overflow/Plus tax credit scholarship and/or Corporate Low-Income**, you must also complete and submit the required verification documents:

Public School Attendance Verification or

Tax Credit Scholarship Verification or

Homeschool Verification (Arizona Families) or

Out of state school Verification or

A previous Overflow/Corporate scholarship award letter from another STO or

Military Orders to Arizona or

An Individual scholarship award letter from another STO from a prior year (submit for Corp eligibility only if you are within income guidelines) or

Provide us with documentation from the Arizona Department of Education stating the ESA was not renewed or was closed.

***Please take a moment to review the above information for accuracy.***

By submitting my typed name below, I/we acknowledge the following:

I/we declare that all information provided on this application, to the best of my/our knowledge, is true, correct and complete. As required by the state of Arizona and Verde Valley School Tuition Organization in order to consider financial need, I/we have completed the financial fields for all household members, and all income has been reported as defined by Income definitions at the beginning of this application. I/We understand that false or misleading information will result in the immediate removal of this application for consideration by Verde Valley School Tuition Organization.

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Signature

Printed Name

Date

Please email completed application to: [vvsto@vvsaz.org](mailto:vvsto@vvsaz.org) or mail to:

VVSTO, Application Processing

3511 Verde Valley School Road

Sedona, Arizona 86351