

Welcome to St. Francis Xavier School, we are excited that you will be joining our community. Our Funds for All program is designed to make Catholic Education affordable for all families – regardless of income level. Many St. Francis Xavier families are reducing, or completely eliminating, their school tuition by asking Arizona residents to redirect their Private School Tax Credit to create tuition scholarships for their children.

At no extra cost, Arizona residents can redirect their taxes to your family to create tuition scholarships, while deducting the full amount from their state taxes and receiving a dollar-for-dollar tax credit in return. There is no limit to the number of donations you can receive.



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Get Started. The first step is to complete an application with a Student Tuition Organization (STO) that allows student recommendations, a list is available on our website. The STO will process the application and determine which categories of funds you are eligible to receive. Then get started by asking friends and family to redirect their Private School Tax Credit to your family through the STO you have chosen. The STO will process the tax credits and the funds will be sent directly to your school FACTS tuition account.

Eligibility. Any student enrolled in private school in Arizona can receive funding – regardless of income level. Two types of scholarships are available to all income levels – original and switcher. Your child must receive a switcher credit while in kindergarten, or the first year after transferring from public school, in order to be switcher eligible for future years.

Tuition scholarships are awarded to students in grades K-12. Students in pre-kindergarten can start collecting and the funds will be applied at the start of kindergarten. We recommend applying as early as pre-kindergarten.

Important Rules. Per state law, you are not allowed to send your tax credit to your own child, nor are you allowed to form a group of any size and swap tax credits by sending them to each other. The Arizona Department of Revenue defines a swap as an agreement between a group of any size to designate contributions for the direct benefit of each others dependent.

Educate yourself. You will never be able to explain the program to others if you don't understand it yourself. Arizona Tuition Connection will be holding training on Sunday, March 7th from 10:00am - 11:00am in the library. This one-hour training will teach you how the program works and also supply you with tips, marketing materials and strategies to be successful.

Questions? We're here to help. We cannot give tax advice, but we can answer your questions and guide you to success. Please reach out to our Scholarship & Tuition Coordinator or a member of our Parent STO Committee for assistance.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Is my child eligible?

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Can I recommend my own child?

No. Per state law, you cannot send your tax credit to your own child.

Can I form a group and swap tax credits?

No. Per state law ARS 43-1089, you are not allowed to form a group of any size and swap tax credits by sending them to each other. If you are caught swapping, you must return all money you have ever received and can never participate in the program again. Don't chance it.

Can I redirect my own taxes?

Yes. We encourage you to recommend St. Francis Xavier as the recipient of your taxes to create needs-based scholarships for our students.

Are there application deadlines?

Yes. Each STO sets its own application deadlines. Some accept applications year round and others have deadlines.

Do I need to complete a new application each year?

Yes. You must complete a new application for each eligible student every school year.

How do I know if my student receives a scholarship award?

The STO will process the tax credits and send the funds directly to your school FACTS tuition account. Notification varies by STO, but you can always check your FACTS account to see if you have received an award.

My employer matches donations to non-profits, is this eligible to be matched?

Yes. The rules for what can be matched are determined by your employer, but most employers do consider this a qualified donation. Please check with your human resources department to see if your contribution is eligible.

Can I redirect my business taxes to St. Francis Xavier?

Any S-Corp, C Corp, or LLC filings as an S-Corp/C Corp with an Arizona tax liability can redirect a portion of their corporate taxes to create needs based scholarships for students at St. Francis Xavier. Please contact Kim Cowan, kim.cowan@sfxphx.org, to learn more about how you can help, or visit the Catholic Education Arizona website at catholiceducationarizona.org for more information.