

# 2018-19 STUDENT APPLICANT GUIDE



## Arizona Tuition Organization

Here at Arizona Tuition Organization (AZTO), our mission is simple, to make Christian Education affordable and accessible so that participating students can impact the world. AZTO is a state certified 501c(3) School Tuition Organization (STO) that focuses on supporting Christian Education in Arizona. Since 2004, AZTO has issued over \$20 Million in tuition awards to students attending our partner schools through Arizona's Private School Tuition Tax Credit Program. AZTO distributes approximately 92% of all donations. This brochure is designed as a program overview. Please visit [azto.org](http://azto.org) for full program details.

### AZTO's Participating Schools

- Bethany Christian School
- Christian Academy of Prescott
- Joy Christian School
- Flagstaff Community Christian School
- North Valley Christian Academy
- Northwest Christian School
- Paradise Valley Christian Preparatory
- Scottsdale Christian Academy
- Trinity Christian School, Prescott

### Applying

- AZTO invites you to apply for your student. We offer an online application at [azto.org](http://azto.org). All participating students must apply each school year.
- The 2018-19 Application becomes available on March 1st. AZTO accepts applications throughout the school year. However, we recommend applying before the start of the new school year. An approved application must be on file prior to the release of any tuition awards. For AZTO's largest award cycles, please apply by December 31st.
- New 2019-20 kindergarten and transfer students are welcome to apply in the 2018-19 school year. Students may participate in the tax credit program up to one school year prior to their attendance at the partner school.

AZTO has allowed our children to attend the Christian school that we otherwise could not afford. We are so thankful that our students can receive a quality Christian education that best suits their needs and prepares them to lead a life for Christ!

- Kirk V

Because of AZTO's tuition grants, we can send our children to the private school of our choice. As their parents, we feel this school best meets their academic and social needs.

- Craig & Kim

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## How it Works

- Once your student's application has been approved by AZTO's board for participation in the tax credit programs, you are ready to spread the word.
- You can promote the tax credit program to your family and friends, anyone who pays Arizona income taxes. Personal letters or using social media can help you in promoting the program. More ideas, sample letters, a video, and a Facebook link can be found at azto.org.
- The taxpayer may make a recommended donation to AZTO suggesting your student for a tuition award.
- Donations are accepted online at azto.org or by mail with a Donation Form.
- Once AZTO approves the recommended donation for your student, the award will be issued to the participating school at the next distribution cycle.
- Please understand all program eligibility and restrictions. All recommended donations are confidential and at the complete and sole discretion of AZTO as defined by Arizona regulation.

## Timeline for Award Cycles

- Tuition Grants are defined as board approved tuition awards from donor recommendations. These awards are issued every other month.
- Tuition Scholarships are heavily focused on financial need and special circumstances. Scholarships from AZTO's general fund are issued annually by the end of February.

Award Cycles	Application & Donation Deadlines	Award Distribution Timing
July Grant Awards	June 30th	Mid-July
September Grant Awards	August 31st	Mid-September
November Grant Awards	October 31st	Mid-November
January Grant Awards	December 31st	Mid-January
February Scholarship Awards	December 31st	End of February
March Grant Awards	February 28th	Mid-March
May Grant Awards	April 15th	Mid-May

## Eligibility and Restrictions

- Original Credit Program is open to K-12 students.
- PLUS/Overflow Credit Program is specific for the following student groups: Kindergarteners, Public/Charter School Transfer Students, Military Dependents, Prior Corporate Credit Recipients, and Prior PLUS Credit Recipients.
- Restrictions apply to high income households, early starting kindergarten students, and ESA recipients.
- Donation Swapping is strictly prohibited. Also, parents may not make a recommended donation on behalf of their own student.

Tuition Tax Credits	2018 Original Credit	2018 PLUS Credit	2018 Credits Total
Married Jointly	\$1,110	\$1,103	\$2,213
Individual	\$555	\$552	\$1,107

## Contribution Information

- Arizona allows taxpayers to make dollar-for-dollar tax credit donations to AZTO to benefit students.
- AZTO accepts donor recommendations. However, AZTO maintains complete and sole discretion in allocating awards.
- Donors use their AZTO receipt to claim the credit.
- For tax year 2018, the giving deadline is April 15th, 2019.



**"NOTICE: A SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION CANNOT AWARD, RESTRICT OR RESERVE SCHOLARSHIPS SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF A DONOR'S RECOMMENDATION. A TAXPAYER MAY NOT CLAIM A TAX CREDIT IF THE TAXPAYER AGREES TO SWAP DONATIONS WITH ANOTHER TAXPAYER TO BENEFIT EITHER TAXPAYER'S OWN DEPENDENT."**