



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES

Tax Credit / Student Tuition Organizations

These organizations allow everyone with an Arizona state tax liability to redirect their tax dollars to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School, and/or to specific children who attend St. Thomas the Apostle. There are multiple tax credit programs: Individual, Corporate, Plus and Lexie's Law for Disabled and Displaced students. Visit the websites below for detailed info on applications, awards, donation limits and qualifications for each of the programs.

Catholic Education Arizona provides need based financial aid. In 2013, the deadline for priority funding is **April 15**, and for secondary funding is **August 1**. Applications must be submitted online: www.fairapp.com (School Code: 700 Password: cea700).

Last year the neediest families were awarded up to 55% of their tuition.

Institute for Better Education and **Arizona Scholarship Fund** not only award need based scholarships, they participate in a program that allows donors to recommend specific students to be considered for tuition assistance. Awards are distributed monthly. www.ibescholarships.org, www.azscholarships.org.

Some of the other Student Tuition Organizations that provide need based and/or recommended scholarships are **Arizona School Choice Trust** www.asct.org; **TOPS for Kids** www.topsforkids.com; and **Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund** <http://apesf.org>.

Last year these organizations combined to award over \$119,000 to STA Students.

SCRIP: Tuition Reduction Program

After the first \$150 in profit from your SCRIP purchases, St. Thomas the Apostle will credit you with 50% of the remaining profits each year.

Last year some families received almost \$1000 off of their tuition using this program.

St. Thomas the Apostle Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund is specifically for active parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle. Those parishioners who have already applied for Catholic Education Arizona and still have a financial need may apply.

Last year this fund provided over \$17,000 of financial assistance to STA Parishioners

If you have questions on any of these programs please contact
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