



Scholarship Application Packet 2026-2027

Pappas Kids Schoolhouse Foundation

(602-441-5707)

Applications@pappaskidssf.org

**530 E. Hunt Highway,
Ste 103, PMB 443
San Tan Valley, AZ 85143**

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

The Pappas Kids Schoolhouse Foundation is a qualified Arizona School Tuition Organization. One of the Foundation's goals is to secure and distribute monetary gifts that fulfill its commitment to excellence in education. Providing scholarships to students who are goal orientated, hardworking, willing to be involved in community service and extracurricular activities is a major focus of this commitment. We are offering a hand up to those who qualify for our scholarships and maintain the standards we require. All students who will be entering grades K-12 are welcome to apply. The eligibility requirements are listed below.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Must attach a copy of private school application or acceptance letter.
2. Must fill out application completely and fulfill all application requirements.
3. We require proof of income. (The first two pages of your 2025 tax return.) If you do not file a tax return, we ask for proof of State benefits such as AHCCCS, Disability Benefits or Arizona SNAP (food stamps) program benefits. The statements for these items must include the income they used to calculate your benefit amount.
4. Must attach a copy of last semester's report card- Highly Preferred GPA of 2.5 or higher. Students with lower GPA's may be considered.
5. To qualify for a scholarship from the Pappas Kids Schoolhouse Foundation, a student must qualify for the national free or reduced lunch program using the income guidelines. (To see if you qualify, please see included sheet). **Page 4.**
6. If the student is transferring from a public school, please fill out and include the "public school verification form" that is attached. - **Please see page (8)**
7. The applicant may be qualified to receive a Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship if they previously received a scholarship from the original individual income tax credit program or the switcher individual tax credit program or the corporate low-income tax credit program and the child continued to attend a qualified Arizona private school in subsequent years. - **Please see page (9)**

Awarding of Scholarships:

1. All awards will be determined by the Pappas Kids Schoolhouse Foundation Board of Directors. These awards are based on academic merit, financial need, community involvement and extracurricular activity participation.
2. Awards will be for one or more academic years at the private school of applicant's choosing. Intentions to fund more than one year can be made by the Board of Directors based upon student's performance and maintaining eligibility including a satisfactory GPA.
3. All scholarship awards will be paid directly to a qualified private school on behalf of the student, to be applied to his/her tuition only.

It is our mission to provide scholarships to students of low-income families offering opportunities to excel in an educational environment they otherwise could not afford.

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Scholarship Packet Checklist (Make sure you've included the following items):

- Completed application. - DO NOT STAPLE PACKET
- First two pages** of your 2025 tax return or other financial documents (Without financial documents your packet is considered **incomplete** and will not be accepted.)
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation: from either (a) teacher, administrator or counselor and (b) family, friend, employer, clergy, etc. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that these letters are received by the deadline. Two recommendation forms are included in this application packet. **(Include them in the packet, DO NOT MAIL SEPARATELY, DO NOT STAPLE PACKET ANYWHERE.)**
- Student Essay: From students currently in 5th grade and higher on one of the following topics. **1. How does attending a private school enhance your future?**
2. How does having a choice in your education positively impact you? **3. How have scholarships helped you?**
- Empowerment Scholarship Account Form (ESA) - Signed and a copy of canceled ESA contract if applicable student received ESA Funds in prior school year. See **Page 10**
- Grade Card from latest quarter.

A complete packet must be submitted to Pappas Kids Schoolhouse Foundation for consideration. Call Dayna Sandoval with any questions you may have at (602) 441-5707 Applications may **NOT** be faxed into the Foundation. Packets with their supporting documents may be emailed (Must be sent in one email) to **Applications@pappaskidssf.org**

Only one application per envelope please. **DO NOT STAPLE PACKET**
Application Deadline:

We will not accept applications sent in any earlier than **February 10, 2025** and must be received or postmarked by **May 08, 2026.**

Late or incomplete applications may not be considered.

Send COMPLETE applications to: **Applications@pappaskidssf.org** Be sure to include the name of the student, grade entering, and name of school applying for in subject lines of email.

Dayna A. Sandoval - Director
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Household size	Federal poverty guidelines	Reduced Price Meals—185%					Free meals—130%				
		Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
	Annual										
1	15,650	28,953	2,413	1,207	1,114	557	20,345	1,696	848	783	392
2	21,150	39,128	3,261	1,631	1,505	753	27,495	2,292	1,146	1,058	529
3	26,650	49,303	4,109	2,055	1,897	949	34,645	2,888	1,444	1,333	667
4	32,150	59,478	4,957	2,479	2,288	1,144	41,795	3,483	1,742	1,608	804
5	37,650	69,653	5,805	2,903	2,679	1,340	48,945	4,079	2,040	1,883	942
6	43,150	79,828	6,653	3,327	3,071	1,536	56,095	4,675	2,338	2,158	1,079
7	48,650	90,003	7,501	3,751	3,462	1,731	63,245	5,271	2,636	2,433	1,217
8	54,150	100,178	8,349	4,175	3,853	1,927	70,395	5,867	2,934	2,708	1,354
For each add'l family member, add	5,500	10,175	848	424	392	196	7,150	596	298	275	138

**48 Contiguous States, District of Columbia,
Guam, and Territories**

**Pappas Kids Schoolhouse Foundation
Scholarship Application**
(Fill out all information requested)

Administration use only:
Income: _____ Family size: _____
FL / RL / NA %: _____ BP
Grade: _____ GPA: _____
CORP / SWITCHER / PLUS--RENEW / NEW

BACKGROUND STUDENT INFORMATION:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Gender: M / F

Date of Birth: _____ Last 4 of SS#: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address (if different from permanent): _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____ Email Address: _____

Name of School Currently attending: _____ Current GPA: _____

Name of the Qualified Arizona Private School to which you have applied or been accepted to and plan to attend in Fall 2026:

_____ Grade Level in Fall 2026: _____

Full tuition amount for the school applying for: _____

Father's/Guardian's Full Name: _____ Last 4 of SS#: _____

Mother's/Guardian's Full Name: _____ Last 4 of SS#: _____

What school and/or community activities are you involved in? _____

Have you received Corporate Tuition Tax Credit Funding, if so from which Organization? _____

Have you received Switcher Tuition Tax Credit Funding, if so from which Organization? _____

What is the primary language spoken in your home? (This question is for research purposes only): _____ Household size _____

I understand that the Pappas Kids Schoolhouse Foundation (PKSF) Scholarship will be used for tuition fees only.

I understand that it is my responsibility to notify the PKSF of any address or telephone number changes.

I understand that falsification of any information may result in termination of the scholarship.

The information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I authorize the Qualified Arizona Private School to release academic information to the PKSF Scholarship Selection Committee for selection purposes only.

All applications remain confidential and become property of the PKSF. Incomplete and late applications may be ineligible.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Pappas Kids Schoolhouse Foundation Scholarship
Application Recommendation Form**

Please type or print (a separate letter may be attached)

Name of Applicant: _____

Reference: (circle one) Family, Friend, Employer, Clergy, Other (please specify). _____

We request your frank, confidential statement based on your knowledge of the above-referenced applicant. Please indicate your association with applicant, length of acquaintance, and the reasons you believe he/she would be a worthy candidate for a Pappas Kids Schoolhouse Foundation Scholarship. We are interested in specific points such as reliability, chance of success in his/her chosen field, motivation, and ability that does not necessarily reflect in his/her grades. Information contained in your recommendation will be disclosed only to those persons who are involved in the evaluation and selection of scholarship recipients. (Attach additional page if needed)

Name of Recommender: _____

Signature of Recommender: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Return this form to your student. It is to be INCLUDED in your student's packet when mailed to PKSF.

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EMAIL: Applications@pappaskidssf.org

Public School Attendance Verification

Required for students who are transferring from an Arizona public or charter school

If your child is transferring from an Arizona public or charter school you must submit this form completed by an official at the child's prior Arizona public or charter school. *Your application is incomplete without this form.*

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student's

Name: _____ Parent's

Name: _____

Address: _____

PUBLIC or CHARTER SCHOOL VERIFICATION

Public or Charter School attended: _____

Public or Charter School

address: _____

Phone #: _____

The following information must be completed by a public or charter school official.

DATES OF ATTENDANCE

The student MUST have attended a minimum of 90 school days or one full semester of the 2025/2026 school year to qualify for this scholarship as a public or charter school transfer student.

First day of the 2025/2026 school year: ____/____/____

Student's date of admission: ____/____/____ Student's date of withdrawal: ____/____/____

Name of Public or Charter school official verifying this Information (Please Print)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

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SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION AWARD VERIFICATION

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I / We give the school or school tuition organization listed below permission to release scholarship information and history regarding my child to the Pappas Kids Schoolhouse Foundation.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature

Date

Student Name:

Name of School where award was sent:

Name of School Tuition Organization:

The information below must be completed by the STO that made the award OR the school that received the award funds. Please attach the completed form to your application and submit to the Pappas Kids.

Please check one:

A scholarship was awarded under the ORIGINAL INDIVIDUAL tax credit program

A scholarship was awarded under the SWITCHER INDIVIDUAL tax credit program

A scholarship was awarded under the LOW-INCOME CORPORATE tax credit program

Date of the previous year School Tuition Organization scholarship award:

To my knowledge the student has continued to be enrolled in a private school since receiving the award and the above information is accurate.

Name & Title

Signature

Date

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(IMPORTANT-REQUIRED FORM) Empowerment Scholarship Account(ESA)

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. The ESA program has clarified that a student may utilize an STO scholarship up to the start of ESA funding. Funding from the ESA program is on a quarterly basis and begins in the quarter following acceptance to the program. Once ESA funding begins, any outstanding STO scholarship money must be refunded by the private school to the STO.

By signing below your school confirms that if a student should apply and receive any ESA funding in the same period they were awarded a Pappas Kids Schoolhouse Foundation Scholarship, Pappas Kids will be notified and all funds awarded will be returned to PKSF.

I confirm that the student listed below is not receiving any Empowerment Scholarship Account funding currently. Should my student accept this type of award I also confirm that I will notify the Pappas Kids Schoolhouse Foundation immediately and understand that accepting any ESA funding during the same period will void the Pappas Kids Schoolhouse Foundation Scholarship award provided to my student.

Without a completed form in your packet Pappas Kids may reject your application upon review.

Student Name: _____

School: _____

Grade Level: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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