

ABOUT LEF

Our Mission

The Lexington Education Foundation (LEF) is passionate about enriching our children's experiences and empowering families with the freedom to guide their children's educational future. Founded in 2016, LEF is committed to providing financial support to families as well as access to the educational tools and community resources needed to ensure each student's unique success.

What is LEF?

Lexington Education Foundation (LEF) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) that provides scholarships to students through an individual and corporate tax credit program. Often, families are seeking alternative education choices and the price of private school tuition limits their choices or places a financial hardship on the family. LEF provides scholarships to students who may not otherwise be able to attend the school of their choice.

What makes LEF different?

While the mission of the Lexington Education Foundation is to support all students and their families with their educational dreams, LEF primarily focuses on supporting students who have disabilities or special needs.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT QUESTIONS

(Individual/Switcher)

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For more info, please visit:
lexingtonscholarships.com



RECIPIENT QUESTIONS

How do I know my child is eligible?

- ▶ The applicant must currently be enrolled or have applied to a qualified private school in Arizona and have tuition needs.
- ▶ The applicant must have a current application with LEF with all supporting documents.
- ▶ We consider income when awarding all scholarships.

Academic Year 2020/2021		
Household Size	Reduced price lunch income threshold (185% of poverty level)	342.25% of poverty level (185% of 185% of poverty level)
1	\$23,606	\$43,671
2	\$31,894	\$59,004
3	\$40,182	\$74,337
4	\$48,470	\$89,670
5	\$56,758	\$105,002
6	\$65,046	\$120,335
7	\$73,334	\$135,668
8	\$81,622	\$151,001
Each additional member	\$8,288	\$15,333

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/income-eligibility-guidelines>

- ▶ More information about the scholarship process can be found at lexingtonscholarships.com. A LEF representative will work with each family to determine if the student meets the scholarship requirements.

- A school tuition organization cannot award, restrict, or reserve scholarships solely based on donor 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.

How do I receive a tuition scholarship?

Once a scholarship application and all documentation has been submitted and the application has been approved, we will notify you of the possible qualifying scholarships. If your child is selected, we will notify you of your scholarship award. Funds are sent directly to the school.

Can my child receive funds from more than one STO?

Yes, your child can receive funds from multiple STOs as long as it does not exceed their tuition need for the school year.

What if my child has an ESA?

The ESA statute (A.R.S. 15-2402 (B)(3)) requires that a student cannot receive an STO scholarship and have an ESA for the same time period. However, an STO scholarship can be awarded for the remainder of the school year once an ESA contract has ended.

Are homeschooled children eligible?

No, homeschooled children must be enrolled in a qualified Arizona private school to qualify for an STO scholarship.

What if I want to change schools?

If you are attending another private school, the remaining LEF funds will follow you to that school. If you are attending a public or charter school, all unused funds must be returned to LEF.

May parents exchange or “swap” funds?

No. Working with another parent or group of parents to recommend each other's child or direct funding violates Federal and Arizona law.

PLUS “Switcher” Scholarship Info

Who is eligible?

The PLUS tax credit is designed for children who have had trouble accessing a tax-credit scholarship. Existing STO scholarship recipients are not eligible for a PLUS scholarship.

Eligible children include:

- ▶ Attended a public school as a full-time student for at least 90 days of the prior fiscal year and then transferred from the public school to a private school; or
- ▶ Is enrolled in a private school kindergarten; or
- ▶ Is enrolled in a private preschool program for students with disabilities; or
- ▶ Is a dependent of a member of the armed forces of the United States who is stationed in Arizona under military orders; or
- ▶ Received a scholarship under one of the above criteria or from the low-income corporate donation program or the disabled/displaced corporate donation program if the child continued to attend a private school in subsequent years.

The following students are not eligible for a scholarship from the PLUS program:

- ▶ Current private school students who have not received any STO scholarship
- ▶ Current private school students who have only received an original individual scholarship
- ▶ Homeschooled students (unless they spent 90-days in a public or charter school in the prior year)

The [Individual Scholarship](#) is also known as the Original Scholarship.

The [Switcher Scholarship](#) is also known as the PLUS or Overflow Scholarship.