



**STUDENTS FIRST  
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# Scholarship Application

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Students First Foundation is pleased to bring you this opportunity to apply for a scholarship. To apply for the Students First Foundation (SFF) Scholarship for the 2023/24 school year, the following information must be provided:

- Signed and Completed Application (below)
- Proof of Overflow/PLUS eligibility, if applicable
- Proof of Arizona Residency Documents (i.e. most current State Tax Return, lease, electric bill) scanned and attached to the end of the application
- Documentation of Income (i.e. last 30 days pay stubs, 1099, W-2, Tax Returns) scanned and attached to the end of the application
- A copy of the most recent student report card and/or transcript
- **If a scholarship is awarded, proof of enrollment to the student's school will be required. You may attach a proof of enrollment document to this application.**

Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-2402(B)(3), students cannot receive a tuition tax credit scholarship from an STO while also receiving ESA funding WITHIN THE SAME FISCAL YEAR (July 1 to June 30). It is the scholarship recipient's responsibility to follow the law and Students First Foundation can only provide technical assistance and not legal advice.

\*\*\*Note: Any misstatements in the application or attachments may be grounds for disqualification of an SFF scholarship. \*\*\*

**Return all scholarship documents to:**

Students First Foundation  
c/o David Farago  
2055 S. Power Rd  
Mesa, AZ 85209  
Email: [davidf@studentswin.org](mailto:davidf@studentswin.org)



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Please complete all fields below.

## HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Parent/  
Guardian  
First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone  
Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Household Size \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status  Married  Single  
 Divorced w/child support  Divorced without child support  
 Widowed

## Student Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Sex  Male  Female  Other

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

## OVERFLOW/PLUS ELIGIBILITY

If any of the following criteria apply to your student, they can be considered for an Overflow/PLUS scholarship as well. Please check the box, and include any requested information, when you submit your application. If you have already received an Overflow award from SFF, we don't need verification.

Transferring from a District or Charter Public School

If transferring from a public/charter school in Arizona (after attending at least 90 days), to a private school, complete our [Public School Attendance Verification Form](#).

 US Armed Forces Dependent

If your child is a dependent of a member of the US Armed Forces, stationed in AZ pursuant to military orders, please attach a copy of those orders showing the location of the AZ station.

 Previously Received Corporate or Overflow/PLUS Scholarship

If your student previously received a Corporate or Overflow/Plus scholarship from another scholarship organization, please submit a copy of the award letter.

## HOUSEHOLD INCOME INFORMATION

We determine financial circumstances based on the USDA's definition of household income. A household is a group of related or unrelated individuals who share housing, income, and expenses. Include all the following info for ALL household members together below, including children, students away at college, and individuals without income. Processing delays can occur for applications containing incomplete Financial Info Forms.

Gross Income and Frequency: Total of all household members' income received

Earnings from work: List gross income from work (wages, salaries, tips, commissions). This is not the same as take-home pay. It is the amount earned before taxes and deductions. It should be listed on your pay stub. If self-employed, you may report income after expenses (your own business, freelance work, farm, or rental property).

Welfare, Child Support, Spousal Maintenance: Include TNAF, General Assistance, General Relief, etc.

NOTE: Food stamps and FDPIR benefits are not included as income.

Pensions, Retirement, Social Security: Include Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's (VA) benefits, and disability benefits.

All Other Income: Include Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, net rental income, annuities, net royalties, interest, dividend income, cash withdrawn from savings, income from estates, trust and/or investments, regular contributions from people who do not live in your

household, and any other income. You do not have to include military or combat pay/allowances as income.

Income Sources	Amount
Gross Income	
Earnings From Work	
Welfare, Child Support Spousal Maintenance	
Pensions, Retirement, Social Security	
All Other Income	

### INCOME VERIFICATION

Attach proof of recent income (i.e. last 30 days pay stubs, 1099, W-2, Tax Returns)

### SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

Has your financial situation recently changed? If so, check all that apply.

- Loss of Job
- Unexpected change in income
- Bankruptcy
- Had a baby
- Recently divorced/separated
- Change in work
- Foreclosure
- Change in family living arrangements
- Other

Please explain below, if needed:

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## FOSTER CHILD

If this is an application for a child who is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, and is currently living in your household, please provide the following information about the child (please list additional foster children on a separate Financial Info Form.)

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Personal Use Monthly Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (If none, enter zero)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that all the information provided above is correct. I understand that all information obtained for scholarship applications will remain personal and confidential

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOOL PARTICIPATION AND NARRATIVE

1. Basic Participation (Must participate in all the items listed below to be eligible)

- I am current on my financial responsibilities to my school.
- My child has at least a 90% attendance record.
- I have attended Parent/Teacher Conferences when requested
- I have attended Back to School/Orientation/Meet the Teacher Event when requested

2. Contribution Programs (Check all boxes that apply.)

- I have made my personal tax credit donation to SFF this tax year.
- My family/friends have made SFF tax credit donations this tax year. (Attach a list of possible contributors to be sure you get full credit for your fundraising efforts)
- I have raised tax credit funds for the past years.
- I have raised corporate tax credit donations to SFF. (Attach a list of possible contributors to be sure you get full credit for your fundraising efforts)

3. Narrative

Please attach a separate page to provide any details you would like the Selection Committee to know about the student. The Committee will consider the student's academic achievements, character, leadership, community involvement, extracurricular activities as well as perseverance to overcome adversity or hardship conditions.

Optional: You may attach up to three letters of recommendation from someone who knows the student well.

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