



SCOTTSDALE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Dear Parents,

Each year, the number of requests for Financial Assistance varies. The amount one receives will usually vary from year to year based on the budgeted amount, the number of requests received, and the need and qualification of the family.

Due to interest in Financial Assistance, we require that you complete the application process as soon as possible. The FACTS online application must be completed and supporting documents received to be considered for Financial Assistance for the upcoming school year. Expediency in providing all required forms enhances the possibility of funds being available to you before budgeted funds are depleted due to distribution. If your file has not been reviewed or is on hold, it is still your responsibility to ensure no balances are outstanding. Your financial commitment contract clearly states that to be enrolled for the upcoming year, your account must be current, i.e., no outstanding balances.

To begin the application process for Financial Assistance, your student(s) must be reenrolled for the upcoming school year and tuition payments must be current for the current school year.

Please refer to the "**How to Apply for Financial Assistance**" in this packet, which gives you step-by-step directions for processing and exploring Financial Assistance opportunities.

If you have any questions, please contact Dori Richardson in the accounting department at 602.992.5100 ext. 11010.

Sincerely,

Don D. Lee

Administrator of Operations

Packet Enclosed

PHILOSOPHY

At Scottsdale Christian Academy (SCA), we believe all students, who desire to attend a Christian school and who meet the academic and spiritual qualifications, should be able to realize this desire. The reality, though, is that not all can afford to attend. We also know that funds available for this need are limited and will not cover all expenses. A Christian school is more than academics. In the spirit of service in Christ's name, it is our hope to share the beneficence of all that God has provided to our Academy to as many students as possible. We are confident that, in His hands, this program will multiply in its outreach for the future of the school and the community. But most important is the opportunity to invest in the life of a child or young person to support them as they grow to their full potential.

Annually, we give Financial Assistance to qualified students. There is no question that the program represents some sacrifice. Therefore, we expect recipients to meet their part of the obligation as agreed. The committee of the school board that reviews applications for Financial Assistance believes that there should be strong evidence of commitment to Christian education and the standards of SCA. Student records regarding academic progress and behavior will be reviewed by the principal and a recommendation given to the committee. We expect the student to show reasonable academic progress and exercise a cooperative attitude in compliance with the Academy's standards and regulations. We expect the recipient's parents to support the same, as well as contribute to as many phases of school life as possible through participation.

The SCA Board of Directors feels that a thorough understanding of the Financial Assistance program is essential to ensure full cooperation between parents and school in encouraging their children to achieve the desired goals. The Christian education being afforded your child is too valuable to allow it to be less than utilized.

After prayerful consideration, should you determine that Financial Assistance is necessary because of family size, temporary business setbacks, or other financial difficulties, please continue reading through this Financial Assistance packet.

GUIDELINES

The following guidelines developed by the Board of Directors are intended to provide the framework to be fair and equitable in the allocation of funds for tuition assistance. SCA desires to provide help for as many families as possible. This necessitates limitations on what any one family may receive.

1. All Financial Assistance is granted to families whose children have already been accepted for admission to the Academy. You should, therefore, complete all the steps for new admission or reenrollment. Readmission of students is done on an annual basis.
2. Financial Assistance will be granted selectively based on the student's potential and need. Refer to the "How to Apply for Financial Assistance" section for required documentation and application. We rely on their assessment to help us determine needs. Naturally, we will select recipients who give evidence of ability to contribute to and benefit from our total academic and extracurricular programs.
3. All requests will be reviewed considering the total number of applicants, overall needs, and current funds available. Financial Assistance may be denied to "reenrolling" students making application if documentation is not received in a timely manner.
4. Multi-Child discounts are available for Pre-Schoolers; however, Financial Assistance becomes available once they start Kindergarten.
5. To ensure proper consideration of all applicants, your Financial Assistance documentation must be submitted first and foremost. Assistance is given on a year-to-year basis. Therefore, the following year's Financial Assistance depends in part upon need as well as fulfillment of the previous year's agreement and commitments, a completed application, and necessary documents each year.

Scottsdale Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship, and loan programs and athletic and other school- administered programs.



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How to Apply for Financial Assistance

There are two proactive ways to secure funding for tuition expenses. The first is through SCA and the second is through Student Tuition Organizations (STOs), which are non-profit organizations that work with individuals and families who wish to divert some of their state tax dollars to support private schools and students attending them.

Before Applying for Financial Assistance

Submit the following:

- Completed reenrollment form/new student application **per student**
- Pay appropriate reenrollment/new student fees **per student.**
- Signed Financial Commitment Form/Parent Support Form **per student.**

Through SCA - FACTS

1. Go to this link <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/46FVC> in your Internet browser, sign in or create an account, and complete the FACTS application online. FACTS will process one application per household. They will not process your application until all documents are uploaded.
2. FACTS will review your online application and submitted documents and provide SCA with a report.

Through SCA – Galatians 6:10 Fund

1. After completing the FACTS online application, go to the “**Galatians 6:10 Fund Application Process**” in the packet and consider if you qualify for the conditions of the Galatians 6:10 Fund.
2. If so, you will be guided to complete a simple form, provided your FACTS online application has been submitted.

Through STOs

Contact the SCA Business office to learn more about STOs at 602-992-5100, x11010. STOs can provide you and your close network of family and friends with the ability to fund the education of your student(s), and there is no limit as to the number of STOs you can work with.

There are three STO (School Tuition Organization) scholarships your student(s) may qualify for: Individual, Switcher/Overflow/Plus, and/or Corporate.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- No income guidelines to meet.
- All families may apply for this scholarship.

SWITCHER/OVERFLOW/PLUS SCHOLARSHIPS

- Income guidelines to meet and one criterion from below:
 1. Transferring from public/charter to SCA.
 2. Entering/Entered Kindergarten.
 3. Active Military.
 4. Previously received Corporate STO scholarships.
 5. Homeschooled prior to transferring directly to an Arizona private school.
 6. Student moved to Arizona from another state or country and transferred directly to an Arizona private school.
 7. Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) transfer.

CORPORATE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Income guidelines to meet and one criterion from below
 1. Transferring from public/charter to SCA.
 2. Entering/Entered Kindergarten.
 3. Active Military.
 4. Previously received STO scholarships.

STO links can be found under the Admissions tab on the SCA website.

www.scottsdalechristian.org/sto/

Some of the STOs that SCA actively works with are Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO), Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund (APESF), and Arizona Tuition Organization (AZTO).

Determination of Need and Reward

1. SCA's Finance Committee will review FACTS analysis and our analysis of your paperwork (if your file is complete) to determine if there is a need and, if so, the scope of your current need.
2. The Committee will also consider your efforts in securing STO funding and the amount that may be forthcoming. All funding provided by SCA will be for the balance of tuition expenses that is not funded by STOs.
3. Notification will be sent to you as to your application status for Financial Assistance.

**PARENT /GUARDIAN IS RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE JUNE 1 PAYMENT, IN FULL, AND
SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS UNTIL NOTIFICATION OF YOUR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
AND/OR STO AWARDS.**



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Galatians 6:10 Fund Application Process

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” (Galatians 6:10)

Purpose

The Galatians 6:10 Fund (The Fund) was initiated by a Scottsdale Christian Academy (SCA) family who hoped funds would be used to assist SCA families through temporary periods of financial difficulty. They donated to the cause in the form of a match to encourage other believers to do the same. It is not intended for cases which need long-term financial support. Each year, we provide SCA families an opportunity to donate to this worthy cause, and families in temporary financial distress can apply for consideration.

The Fund primarily provides temporary assistance with meeting tuition expenses in order to ease their cashflow for emergencies or other temporary financial distress but can be extended to meeting other expenses depending on each applicant’s situation and discussions within the Galatians 6:10 Committee.

Eligibility

The applicant must have a student(s) currently enrolled in SCA. The applicant will then be required to fill out and submit the Application Form which can be accessed through the link at the end of this document. This form provides information necessary to determine if a need exists by the Committee.

Applicants may apply to the Fund once per school year except in cases of extreme hardship.

Responsibilities of the Applicant

Before seeking financial assistance from the Fund, the applicant must have completed and submitted the Financial Assistance application online in the FACTS website.

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/46FVC>

The applicant should also have applied to other sources available such as Unemployment, Government/Welfare Assistance, Student Tuition Organizations (STOs), etc. It is a requirement that the family is fully utilizing the Corporate (when eligible) and Individual STO programs first.

If asked by the Committee, the applicant must show evidence of these efforts in the form of letters, email communications, etc. to determine eligibility.

Application Process

The Galatians 6:10 Committee considers many factors when approving the applicant and determining the amount of the award, some of which include but are not limited to the presence and urgency of need, the balance of funds available, and efforts by the applicant to raise funds through other forms of assistance, personal budgeting, STO opportunities, and so on.

Based on these and other relevant considerations, a final award is then determined. This award is effective and will be applied to your tuition and other outstanding balances once for the current school year. If a need arises in the future, a new request will need to be made to the Committee.

Regarding STOs, if STO funds for the same school year are received in excess, the STO funds are always applied first, and Galatians 6:10 funds are applied to the remaining tuition balance after all STO funds for the school year are applied.

All personal information in the application is kept confidential.

Any further inquiries can be made to the Administrator of Operations at dlee@scamail.org

Application Form

Hover over the link below and press Click to complete the Galatians 6:10 Fund Application.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=m2Yt6o8i90yP2-xh8bWkDzRz3avD9gZPv7t4cIL-w-VUQ1o0QTQ5MINNWDZSUIhLVDNEVUFGODA3Ty4u>