

**Important information for families moving to Arizona, have just recently moved to Arizona, or for families that are homeschooling their child.**

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- 1) **Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA)**. This program is offered by the Arizona Department of Education ([www.azed.gov/esa/](http://www.azed.gov/esa/)). Families who want to use ESA to pay for tuition must meet certain conditions to qualify for this scholarship.
  - a. If applying for the 18/19 school year, the student must have been enrolled at an Arizona public or charter school for the first 100 days of the 17/18 school year.
  - b. If attending an Arizona online charter school, the student must have completed 400 to 500 hours (depending on the student's grade level) during the 17/18 school year to meet the requirement for the 18/19 school year.
  - c. The 100-day requirement is only for those applying for 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Incoming kindergartens do not need to have the 100-day requirement or completed required online hours.
  - d. The student must have a current IEP or MET (3-year evaluation) completed by an Arizona public or charter school.
  
- 2) **Student Tuition Organizations (STO)**. If a student does not qualify for ESA, STO is another option. STOs are scholarships that based on corporate and individual donations. To qualify for most types STOs there is a 90- day prior enrollment requirement at an Arizona public or charter school.
  - a. If applying for the 18/19 school year the student must have been enrolled for 90 days at an Arizona public or charter school during the 17/18 school year.
  - b. The 90-day requirement is only for those applying for 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Incoming kindergartens do not need to have the 90-day requirement.
  - c. The student must have an IEP or MET (3-year evaluation) completed by an Arizona public or charter school (either current or expired) For a list of STOs that we work with please email Kym Wilbur at [kwilbur@aaed.org](mailto:kwilbur@aaed.org).

For more information about funding options, please contact our funding specialist, Kym Wilbur at [kwilbur@aaed.org](mailto:kwilbur@aaed.org) or 480-525-6197 ext 114.