

# AT **ACSTO**, OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION **AFFORDABLE**

## HOW TO GET STARTED WITH ACSTO TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Since 1998, ACSTO has awarded over **\$220,000,000** in scholarships, making it possible for over **36,000** students to attend a Christian School in Arizona.

We've already helped make Christian Education affordable for thousands of families...

**WE WANT TO MAKE IT AFFORDABLE FOR YOURS TOO!**

### HERE ARE A FEW SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO GET STARTED...

#### **1** CREATE YOUR PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT AT **ACSTO.org**

On ACSTO's Parent Portal, you'll be able to update your family information, keep track of your award history, and be notified about our award decisions.

#### **2** ADD YOUR STUDENT(S) AND APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Once you've signed up for your Parent Portal account, add your students to your account and then apply for scholarships. *This is the most important step! Without an application, we cannot consider your student for a scholarship award.*

#### **3** GET SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS

When a donor makes a donation to ACSTO and recommends your student, it is one of three things considered in the award process. It is important to ask your family and friends to take advantage of this dollar-for-dollar tax credit.

#### **4** ATTEND AN ACSTO PARENT WORKSHOP

At our Parent Workshops you'll learn how Arizona's Tax Credit Scholarships can assist you in paying for your student's tuition—ask your school when their next workshop is scheduled!

**WANT EVEN MORE?** Check out our Parent Resources at **ACSTO.org!**

**STAY CONNECTED!** Be sure to follow **@ACSTOconnect** on Instagram and Facebook!

**HAVE QUESTIONS?** Give us a call at **480.820.0403!**

**NOTICE:** A school tuition organization cannot award, restrict, or reserve scholarships solely on the basis of a donor's 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. A.R.S. 43-1603 (C). Any designation of your own dependent as a potential recipient is prohibited.

# HOW TO WRITE YOUR NARRATIVE

## FOR YOUR ACSTO APPLICATION

Many parents develop writer's block when they get to the Narrative section of the ACSTO application process. When writing your Narrative, please keep in mind that we do take the age of the child into consideration. Two to three paragraphs is sufficient.

We want to make this step in the application easy for you. Below are some **suggestions and considerations** to help you:

Type and **save** your Narrative in a **Word** document, then copy and paste it into the online application; this way you will not lose what you have typed if you “time-out” in our Parent Portal. Each year when you reapply to ACSTO, you will need to rewrite your Narrative—having a saved copy will make it easier to update.

- » *Take this opportunity to brag about your child. Give us a snapshot of who your child is so they have an opportunity to “know” him/her.*
- » *You may want to start off by telling us what grade your child is in and what school they will be attending. Tell us why you want your child to attend a Christian School. How have you seen it impact them? What do you hope they will gain from a Christian Education? Consider sharing how it has impacted your family.*
- » *You may discuss your student's character traits and how you see your child demonstrate them.*
- » *Think about telling us what your child likes to do. How do they utilize their spare time? What are their hobbies? Are they involved in any extracurricular activities? What household chores are they responsible for?*
- » *Consider discussing your child's involvement at church. Do they attend a children's or student program? Are they involved in a mid-week or Bible study program? Do they volunteer at church or other places? Have they made the decision to accept Jesus Christ as their personal savior or to be baptized?*
- » *You may also want to talk about what their favorite subjects are at school and why. Are they on the honor roll? Have they made improvements in their grades? What type of awards have they received at school?*

These are **suggestions**—you do not have to include all of this information in your narrative. These are just talking points that may help you prepare your child's narrative.

Still have questions? Don't hesitate to call our office at 480.820.0403—we would be more than happy to help you through this process! **We exist to make Christian Education affordable for everyone!**

