

Redeemer Lutheran School Scholarship Information 2019-2020

Dear Families:

We know that for some of our families, tuition costs put a great burden on their family's finances. While Redeemer Lutheran School keeps tuition and fees far below actual costs, using subsidies from the congregation and other supporters, for some families additional support is needed. To assist those families, we have found several outside agencies and organizations that offer tuition assistance for children attending private and Christian schools. Each of these agencies sets their own guidelines, including eligibility requirements, documentation needed, and due dates. **None allow for late applications.** You will not use TADS to apply for these scholarships, and you will need to apply on your own. Please read each organization's application guidelines carefully. There is no conflict of interest between these programs; you are welcome to apply for any and all scholarships if you meet the eligibility requirements.

Demand is high for scholarships; please be aware that not all families who apply will receive funds.

There may be other agencies beyond our list. You may want to contact your local church or civic organization to see if they have funds available. We encourage all families to search!

For those currently receiving scholarship funds, most agencies require you must reapply each year. In addition, all require proof of income, so getting your taxes filed as early as possible will help you be one of the first to submit your application.

Typically, foundations have two types of scholarships: EITC and OSTC. Both are based on income. EITC is available to all PA families that qualify by income; OSTC provides funds **only** for families living in low-performing school districts. As of January 28th, the list of low-performing schools has not yet been published. When it becomes available, it will be listed on our website.

Scholarship Organizations:

1. Poise Foundation-**Not Yet Open**
 - a. Expected to open in early February
 - b. Check here: <http://www.poisefoundation.org/scholarships-overview/>
2. Family Choice Scholarship- **Not Yet Open**
 - a. Expected to open in mid-spring
 - b. Check here: <http://myfamilychoice.org/students>
3. Best of the Batch Foundation-**Now Open**
 - a. Open until **April 12th, 2019**
 - b. Download application at <https://www.batchfoundation.org/educational-programs/scholarships/>
4. Go Forward-- **Not Yet Open**
 - a. Expected to open in early February
 - b. Check here: <https://goforwardeducation.org/support-for-students/>

We hope that this information is helpful. Please contact me with any further questions.

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