

## Redeemer Lutheran School Scholarship Information 2025-2026

In order to assist school families, Redeemer provides a list of outside 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 FACTS to apply for these scholarships. Please read each organization's application guidelines carefully. 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 that you 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. The list of low-performing schools has been published by the state; it is available on Redeemer's website at <https://rlspittsburgh.org/scholarships/>, or you can view it here: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/education/programs-and-services/schools/school-services/opportunity-scholarship-tax-credit-program.html#tab-1>

Please notify Alison when you submit scholarship applications, as the organizations contact us for verification.

### Scholarship Organizations:

1. **Family Choice-** Available for K-12th grade
  - a. **Now Open; online application due by July 1st, 2025**
  - b. \$32.50 nonrefundable application fee per family
  - c. Application and information available here: <https://myfamilychoice.org/students/>
2. **Poise Foundation-** Available for PreK-12th grade
  - a. **Not Yet Open; generally opens in mid-March and closes by mid-May**
  - b. **3 scholarships available: PreK, K-12 for EITC, Opportunity Scholarship for OSTC**
  - c. Go here for application instructions: <http://www.poisefoundation.org/scholarships-overview/>
3. **Best of the Batch Foundation-** Available for PreK-12th grade
  - a. **Now Open;** printable application only, must be submitted or postmarked by **April 11th, 2025**
  - b. **Must submit one separate application per category per child: PreK, EITC, OSTC**
  - c. Download application at <https://www.batchfoundation.org/educational-programs/scholarships/>
4. **Go Forward—** Available for K-12th (no preK), **EITC and OSTC (preference given to OSTC)**
  - a. **Now Open;** printable paper application only, must be received/postmarked by **April 30th, 2025**
  - b. Application contains page that **must** be signed by Redeemer; **please contact Alison for this**
  - c. Information is available here: <https://goforwardeducation.org/support-for-students/>

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