

Redeemer Lutheran School Scholarship Information 2026-2027

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; each application must be completed independently and submitted directly to that organization using the instructions that they provide.

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.

Please read all of the following information carefully, as there are many important details to help guide you.

All scholarship applications 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.

For those currently receiving scholarship funds, most agencies require that you reapply each year. Check each specific application for details.

Typically, foundations have two types of scholarships: EITC and OSTC. Both are based on income.

Income guidelines: To be eligible for a scholarship, your annual household income (including income from all persons living in the household and any child support, alimony, public assistance, Supplemental Income including SSI, Disability Income, Social Security benefits or pensions) must not exceed \$116,055.00 plus an additional \$20,428 per household dependent.

EITC is potentially available to all PA families that qualify by income; OSTC provides funds **only** for students whose public school has been designated as low-performing.

The list of low-performing schools is published by the state annually and is subject to change each year.

This year's list has been published by the state; a list of schools local to Redeemer is available on our website at <https://rlspittsburgh.org/scholarships/>. Hard printed copies are available in the office.

You can view the entire list here:

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/education/programs-and-services/schools/school-services/opportunity-scholarship-tax-credit-program.html#tab-1>

If your child's public school is not on the low-performing list, you are not eligible to apply for OSTC; however, EITC may still be available to you.

Please note that the low-performing classification is by school, not by entire district. For parents with multiple children, it is possible that one child's school may be on the low-performing list, while another may not.

For OSTC scholarships, most scholarship organizations require a letter from your local school district confirming that your child's public school is in fact on the low-performing list. You will have to contact the district directly for this letter.

Also, all scholarship organizations require that a student be enrolled at their chosen school in order to be considered for funds, and they do contact us for enrollment verification.

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

Scholarship Organizations:

1. **Family Choice-** Available for PreK-12th grade
 - a. **Now Open; online application due by July 1st, 2026**
 - 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. **Now Open; online application(s) due by May 15th, 2026**
 - b. **2 scholarships available: 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 17th, 2026**
 - 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(preferance given to OSTC)**
 - a. **Now Open;** printable paper application only, **must be received/postmarked by April 30, 2026**
 - b. For new applications, references from your child's teacher AND your own pastor are required
 - c. Contact Alison Jackson at admissions@redeemer-oakmont.org for this application form

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!

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

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