

Keystone Kindergarten Scholarships

Keystone has established a service agreement with the school tuition organization (STO) Arizona Scholarship Fund (ASF). ASF was formed by a group of business and community leaders committed to financially assisting Arizona's families in providing their children with a private education. ASF is primarily funded through the Arizona Private Scholarships Tax Credit (A.R.S. 43-1089). This law allows Arizona taxpayers to contribute up to \$625 to any STO and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on their individual Arizona tax return. For additional information please visit the ASF website www.AZscholarships.org or call 480-497-4564.

ASF's program is simple. A Keystone Kindergarten family can apply and draw from 3 funds:

1. **ASF General Fund:** \$1000 awards are given on a first come, first served basis. However, the average scholarship recipient has been on this waitlist for 5 years.
2. **Keystone Montessori Kindergarten General Fund:** Donations earmarked for this fund are disbursed among Keystone Kindergarten Scholarship applicants. Please see the Keystone Montessori Kindergarten General Fund disbursement guidelines for details.
3. **Family Aid Fund:** Keystone Kindergarten families recruit sponsors for their child(ren). Please see the ASF Family Aid Fund Application for restrictions that apply to this fund

To apply for these funds:

1. Complete the **H.O.P.E. List Application** and send it directly to ASF. H.O.P.E. list applications are available at the front desk. H.O.P.E. List Application can also be made over the phone at 480-497-4564. You will be assigned an ASF account number.
2. ASF will mail you a parent packet, including the student's ASF account number. Please immediately fill out the **Scholarship Recipient Contract** and **Family Aid Fund Application**. These forms and copies of your most **recent tax return** must be mailed directly to ASF. Funds cannot be disbursed until your file is complete.
3. Complete the **Keystone Montessori Kindergarten General Fund Scholarship Application** available at the front desk and return it to Keystone Montessori by the published due date.

If you will be recruiting sponsors for your child, please see the ASF parent packet for several brochures that will assist in reaching your goals.

If you have any questions please contact Michelle Arndt, Admissions Coordinator at michelle@keystonemontessori.com.