



1ST LUTHERAN SCHOOL

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADE

2024-2025

EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNT (EFA) LEARNS ACT

Administered through the State of Arkansas

Award Amount:

Anticipated 2024-2025 Amount: \$6,684

Who Qualifies?

- A student on an EFA in the previous school year
- A student with a disability identified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- A student considered homeless
- A foster child or former foster child
- A student enrolling in kindergarten or 1st grade
- A child of an active duty military personnel
- A child of a veteran or in the military reserves
- A child of law enforcement officers and first responders
- A child that was enrolled in a D or F rated public school in 2023-2024
- Must be an Arkansas resident

Are There Financial Qualifications?

There are no Financial Qualifications for the Educational Freedom Accounts



Snow Day with Kindergarten

EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNT (EFA) LEARNS ACT

Application Process:

- Arkansas Department of Education will open the window to apply in early spring.

Renewal:

Automatic renewal following annual certification.

Scholarship is transferrable to other participating private schools.

Next Steps:

- Complete 1st Lutheran School's enrollment process.
- Notify the school office of the intent to apply during the enrollment process.
- Pay Enrollment Fee.
- 1st Lutheran School's Office will notify you when the application window opens with the State of Arkansas.
- Submit all information to the state annually.

For More Information Visit:

<https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/office-of-school-choice-and-parent-empowerment/family-efa-details>



Puppet Plays with PreK 3s class

PIAK SCHOLARSHIPS

**Philanthropic Investment in Arkansas Kids Program
A State of Arkansas Tax Credit Scholarship Program**

**Administering Agencies:
The Reform Alliance and ACE Scholarships**

Award Amount:

Varies by Administering Agency; max award is 80% of state funding level

*This was a scholarship of up to **\$6,094 per student** for 2024-2025.*

Reform Alliance has funded at maximum award amount.

ACE Scholarships has funded at \$4,500.

Who Qualifies?

Family income level is no more than 200% of the federal poverty level guidelines

New to a private school or enrolling in a school in Arkansas for the first time.

Students must be an Arkansas resident.

Students are not eligible for both LEARNS EFA and PIAK unless they qualify as having a disability as defined by the Individual with Disabilities Education Act.

Are There Financial Qualifications?

Yes, Family Income less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines 2023 Qualifications

Number in Household	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9+
Household Income	\$39,440	\$49,720	\$60,000	\$70,280	\$80,560	\$90,840	\$101,120	\$10,200 Add per



4th Grade Science Projects

PIAK SCHOLARSHIPS

Application Process:

Each administering agency has its own application process and timeline; if you believe you qualify contact 1st Lutheran School's office for deadlines and requirements.

Each funding source has a limited number of awards to provide; you can and are encouraged to apply to both and if both are approved, you may choose which to accept.

You will need for both applications:

- Tax Returns for proof of income, copies of recent paystubs, copies of any other special circumstances financial information.
- For those students entering 1st Grade or above, proof of public school or out of state enrollment for prior school year.

Renewal:

Automatic renewal following annual certification of income level.
Scholarship is transferrable to other participating private schools.

Next Steps:

- Complete 1st Lutheran School's enrollment process.
- Notify the school office of the intent to apply during the enrollment process.
- Pay Registration Fee.
- 1st Lutheran School's Office will notify you when the application window opens.
- Submit all information on time.

For More Information Visit:

<https://thereformalliance.org/philanthropic-investment-in-arkansas-kids/>

5th Grade field trip



ACE SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded by ACE Scholarships

Award Amount:

\$3,000 per student

Who Qualifies?

1. Family income level is no more than 350% of the federal poverty level guidelines

(Open to out-of-state applicants)

Are There Financial Qualifications?

Yes, Family Income less than 350% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines 2024 Qualifications

Number in Household	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9+
Household Income	\$71,540	\$90,370	\$109,200	\$128,030	\$146,860	\$165,690	\$184,520	\$18,830 Add per



Family Movie Nights on the lawn

ACE SCHOLARSHIPS

Application Process:

Contact 1st Lutheran School's office to be directed to the current application window. The application window typically opens in February and closes on April 15th. Often, there is a second window in July if additional funds are still available.

You will need Tax Returns for proof of income, copies of recent paystubs, copies of any other special circumstances financial information.

Renewal:

Automatic renewal following annual certification of income level. Scholarship is transferrable to other participating private schools.

Next Steps:

- Complete 1st Lutheran School's enrollment process.
- Notify the school office of the intent to apply during the enrollment process.
- Pay Registration Fee.
- 1st Lutheran School's Office will notify you when the application windows open.
- Submit all information on time.



Sock Hop 50s Nights

For More Information Visit:

<https://www.acescholarships.org/become-a-scholar/arkansas/>

NATIVE AMERICAN ACCESSING CHOICES IN EDUCATION (A.C.E.)

Funded through a U.S. Department of Education Demonstration Grant
Administered through the American Indian Center of Arkansas

Award Amount:

Varies based on available funding for the program, maximum of \$6,000.

Who Qualifies?

Please contact the American Indian Center of Arkansas for more information.
You must enroll in the A.C.E. program through the above organization.

The following are qualifications to enroll in the A.C.E. Program:

1. Member of a federally recognized Tribe, Native Hawaiian, or Alaskan Native.
2. Descendent of a parent or grandparent that meets the above requirement
3. Permanent resident of central or Northwest Arkansas.
(Counties: Benton, Crawford, Pulaski, Saline, Sebastian, and Washington)
4. Youth under age 18 in Primary or Secondary School

There is a participant cap based on available grant funding. Please contact the American Indian Center directly to attempt to enroll in the program, if not already enrolled.

Are There Financial Qualifications?

There are no financial qualifications for the Native American A.C.E. Scholarship.



Middle School Cross Country Team

NATIVE AMERICAN ACCESSING CHOICES IN EDUCATION (A.C.E.)

Application Process:

- Enroll in the A.C.E. Program through the Arkansas Indian Center of Arkansas.
- Notify 1st Lutheran School's Office of program enrollment status.

Contact Information:

<https://aicago.org/ace/>

501-666-9032

info@AICAgO.org

Renewal:

Enrollment in the program should allow for automatic renewal.

Program existence is determined by federal grant money through the U.S. Department of Ed.

Next Steps:

- Complete 1st Lutheran School's enrollment process.
- Notify the school office of the intent to apply during the enrollment process.
- Pay Registration Fee.
- 1st Lutheran School's Office will work with you and the program contacts to determine need to invoice/direct bill.
- Submit all information on time.



For More Information Visit:

<https://aicago.org/ace/>

Panther PTO Executive Board

LCMS LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP

Generously Funded by area LCMS Lutheran Churches

Award Amount:

Up to 20% of remaining tuition amount

Who Qualifies?

- Family is an active member of an area LCMS Lutheran Church.

Are There Financial Qualifications?

This scholarship is for LCMS students.

Application Process

1. Complete an application available in the school office.
2. Return application by April 1st or within 15 days of enrollment and prior to first tuition payments due date.



Majorettes

SIBLING SCHOLARSHIP

Generously Funded by Annual Giving from Friends of 1st Lutheran School

Award Amount:

Up to 20% of remaining tuition for the second parent-pay child

Up to 25% of remaining tuition for the third parent-pay child

Up to 30% of remaining tuition for the fourth+ parent-pay child

Who Qualifies?

- Families with multiple students in K-8th
- At least two children being paid for in part or fully by the parent
- Children receiving 3rd Source Scholarships (Succeed, PIAK, ACE, Native American A.C.E., or similar) are only eligible if parents have at least a partial pay amount for that child. Children receiving 3rd Source Scholarships partially funding tuition requirements may receive prorated sibling scholarship; applications will be considered based on available funds following other scholarship allotments.
- This scholarship may be combined with LCMS

Are There Financial Qualifications?

This scholarship is for families with multiple children to help make private education more affordable for larger families.

Application Process

1. Complete an application available in the school office.
2. Return application by April 1st or within 15 days of enrollment and prior to first tuition payments due date.



Spring Operetta

PANTHER SCHOLARSHIP

Generously Funded by Annual Giving from Friends of 1st Lutheran School

Award Amount:

- Varies based on demonstrated financial need and available funding
- Maximum of 70% of unfunded cost of tuition

Who Qualifies?

- Individuals who did not meet qualifications for other outside scholarships
- Individuals who applied but did not receive an outside scholarship
- New Enrollment to 1st Lutheran School after enrollment window of outside scholarships
- Individuals in need of financial assistance after other scholarships have been awarded
- Existing school families with a situation that drastically changes the financial situation after the application window of outside scholarships close

Application Process

1. Complete an online application at BeneFAQ.com. **Our school number is 25330.** (BeneFAQ is a third-party organization that analyzes the financial information provided by the family and provides a recommendation called a FACT score.)
2. Upload documents: Federal Tax Return Form and 4 current payroll check stubs.
3. Provide a short written summary of your circumstances and the impact a scholarship would have on your family. Please include the amount of tuition that you feel you could afford, including with possible assistance from other sources, such as grandparents (email to the school office sguillory@1stlutheran.com)



Early Childhood classes

PANTHER SCHOLARSHIP

Are There Financial Qualifications?

There are no specific income requirement guidelines, however the FACT Score generated must show financial need.

Application Deadline

- April 1st for current school families: Please apply in advance if you are unsure if other sources of funding may be approved. Scholarship awards will be pending until other scholarship results are known. Late applications may not be accepted; explanations of substantial financial changes since April 1 for your family will be required.
- Within 15 days of applying for enrollment for new families: Scholarship awards after May 15th for new families may be limited based on available scholarship funds.

Additional Requirements:

- Families must enroll in the Simply Giving EFT program. All families are welcome to choose the 11 month payment option (instead of standard 10) in order to reduce the monthly payment.
- A scholarship for the upcoming year will not be awarded with any past due balances (tuition, childcare, band, or other) until all accounts are paid in full.
- Scholarships will be awarded based on available funds in consideration with family FACT Scores and the information provided by the family. If a scholarship award still results in a substantial financial burden, the family may request a review of their situation after all other scholarships have been awarded.
- Families receiving the Panther Scholarship are required to support 1st Lutheran School through participation in qualifying service activities. Families must provide a minimum of ten (10) service hours per semester for a total of twenty (20) service hours per school year to maintain the scholarship. Qualifying service opportunities can be obtained from the school office.



STAFF SCHOLARSHIP

Generously Funded by First Lutheran Church

Award Amount:

Varies by position

Who Qualifies?

- Children of staff members of 1st Lutheran Church and School working at least 20 hours per week.
- Children receiving 3rd Source Scholarships (Succeed, PIAK, ACE, Native American A.C.E, or similar) are only eligible if parents have at least a partial pay amount for that child. Children receiving 3rd Source Scholarships partially funding tuition requirements may receive prorated sibling scholarship; applications will be considered based on available funds following other scholarship allotments.

Are There Financial Qualifications?

This scholarship is for children of staff members who are not receiving other criteria based scholarships.

Application Process

1. Complete an application available in the school office.
2. Return application by April 1st or within 15 days of enrollment and prior to first tuition payment due date.



1st Grade enjoying recess

Scholarship Opportunities

Making Christian Education available in an affordable manner has been a mission priority for First Lutheran Church since the school's founding in 1853. This dedication to and financial support of Christian Education is what already allows us to offer some of the River Valley's most affordable tuition rates.

We know that some families may need further financial assistance to attend 1st Lutheran School.

The scholarship funds that we have available through First Lutheran Church are limited and solely funded by generous supporters of the church and school. The Scholarship Fund by First Lutheran Church is limited each year by available donations and funding from the church.

Due to the limited funds and a desire to benefit as many families as possible, the policy of 1st Lutheran School's Scholarship Fund is that families must apply for any outside scholarship that they are eligible for, prior to being awarded a scholarship from 1st Lutheran School. In the event that an outside scholarship is awarded and it still creates a financial burden, stacking applicable 1st Lutheran School scholarships with an outside scholarship will be considered, but is not guaranteed. Being denied an outside scholarship or enrolling outside of application windows will not exclude you from being considered for appropriate 1st Lutheran School scholarships.

1st Lutheran School Board of Christian Education
Scholarship Committee





Vision Statement:

1st Lutheran School provides a Christ-centered, family-focused, student-driven education impacting our community and world.

Non-Discrimination Statement:

1st Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students of the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship programs, athletic and other school administered programs.

Religious Affiliation:

First Lutheran Church & School is affiliated with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). All religious instruction and school policy will be in accordance with LCMS Doctrine.

Students are required to participate in religious instruction.

Additional Information regarding LCMS Doctrine may be found at:

<https://www.lcms.org/about/beliefs/doctrine>

For further information, please set up a time to speak to the Pastor or Principal.

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