



School Tuition Organization (“STO”) Policy for the 2023/2024 school year

The following policy (“Policy”) is intended to ensure that Pardes Jewish Day School (“Pardes”) is accessible to all families who want a quality Jewish day school education for their children and that no family is turned away due to financial ability. The Jewish Tuition Organization (“JTO”) is Pardes’ preferred student tuition organization (“STO”) to help achieve this goal.

Tax Credit Recommended in Favor of Pardes

- **All Pardes families are strongly encouraged to make an annual contribution of funds to the JTO in the maximum tax credit amount that may be taken for that tax year and to recommend Pardes as the recipient of those funds.**
- Those families who make a tax credit contribution to the JTO and who recommend that the JTO distribute the funds to Pardes will be recognized by Pardes for such contribution if permitted by each such family.
- Tax credit contributions for 2022 (which shall be used by Pardes in connection with need-based financial assistance for the 2023-2024 school year) must be made to the JTO by **April 18, 2023**, or when you file your taxes, whichever comes first.

Financial Assistance Requirements

- Pardes families seeking need-based financial assistance must file a financial assistance application through Tuition Aid Data Services (“TADS”) and agree to directly pay at least ten percent (10%) of the total annual tuition due for each child attending Pardes (the “Minimum Payment”). There is no income limit for financial assistance. If the entire amount of a student’s tuition is covered by funds through Individual tax credit, the student’s family shall not be required to make the Minimum Payment referenced herein.
- Anyone applying for need-based financial assistance must direct their Arizona state tax liability to the JTO.

- Financial assistance applications for new and returning Pardes families are due on or before **April 28, 2023**, to ensure consideration, as financial resources are limited. Adjustments to this deadline may be made for families of students admitted to Pardes on or after March 1, 2023.
- Any need-based financial assistance awards will be financed primarily by funds received by Pardes from the JTO as a result of tax credit contributions made to the JTO and distributed by the JTO to Pardes.
- Pardes families who apply for a need-based financial assistance award are strongly encouraged to obtain at least one student-recommended contribution from a third party at the maximum tax credit.
- Any funds received by Pardes from the JTO as a result of a student-recommended tax credit will be applied against that student's tuition as part of the total scholarship amount before any need-based financial assistance awards are applied. If a student receives student-recommended funds and a need-based award that, together, exceeds the amount of tuition, the student-recommended award will be applied first, and the needs-based award will be applied up to, but shall not exceed, the total tuition. Need-based awards may not be carried over to the next school year. All low-income awards will be treated similarly.
- If a student receives student-recommended funds *only* that total in excess of tuition, those excess funds may be carried forward to and applied against the next year's tuition for that student if approved by the applicable STO.
- Any exceptions to this Policy shall be subject to and within the sole and exclusive discretion of the Head of School.

NOTICE: A school tuition organization cannot award, restrict or reserve scholarships solely on the basis of donor recommendation. A taxpayer may not claim a tax credit if the taxpayer agrees to swap donations with another taxpayer to benefit either taxpayer's own dependent. Consult your tax advisor for specific tax advice.