



Fact Sheet

Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Help Low-Income Students Across Arizona

A new report reveals that children in low-income communities across Arizona benefit significantly from Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESAs).

- ✓ More low-income families can afford private elementary school tuition thanks to Empowerment Scholarship Accounts.
 - ❑ The average ESA award covers 100% of the median private elementary school tuition and fee rate in Arizona.

- ✓ Empowerment Scholarship Accounts are most popular in areas with overwhelmingly socioeconomically disadvantaged populations.
 - ❑ The three districts with the highest concentrations of ESA students in Arizona have child poverty rates over 38%—more than double the state average.

- ✓ Empowerment Scholarship Accounts are particularly valuable to families on Native American reservations.
 - ❑ On reservations, per pupil public school spending can exceed \$16,000 a year, yet thousands of students are trapped in schools rated D or F by the State Board of Education. However, the average ESA award for students on reservations requires less than half of that amount while offering hundreds of students academic opportunity.

- ✓ Empowerment Scholarship Accounts are transforming educational opportunities for families in low-income, urban communities.
 - ❑ In FY 2019, Roosevelt Elementary School District—the Phoenix-area school district with the single highest proportion of D- and F-rated public schools—saw more than 100 students participating in the ESA program.

Empowerment Scholarship Accounts are helping to give all students educational options that are geographically accessible and economically affordable.

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