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*How Parents Can Expand Access
to Christ-Centered Education*



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Dear Parent:

Every child is created with purpose, and every family deserves the opportunity to choose an education that nurtures faith, character, and calling.

Across our country, families who value Christ-centered education often face financial barriers that make that choice difficult. The Federal Tax Credit Scholarship is a new opportunity that has the potential to expand access to scholarships that help students attend Christian schools.

For over 20 years, the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) has operated a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) called Children's Tuition Fund (CTF). Through CTF, hundreds of students have benefited from scholarship dollars allowing them to attend a Christian school of their choice.

This guide is designed to help you understand what this new opportunity means for families like yours, what steps you can take right now, and how your voice can help open doors for more students in your state. You don't need to be a policy expert. You simply need to care about the next generation as we know you already do!

Whether you choose to advocate, share resources with your school or church, or stay informed as this effort grows, your involvement matters. When parents engage, communities listen. Together, we can help seeds of faith take root and grow ensuring **Every Student in Every State** has access to an education that points them to Christ.

With gratitude,



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[Why This Matters]

As parents, we want more than strong academics for our children. We want their hearts, character, and faith to be shaped with intention and grounded in God's truth.

For many families, Christ-centered education is deeply valued but not always financially accessible. Tuition costs can put that choice out of reach, even for families committed to raising their children in faith.

The Federal Tax Credit Scholarship creates a new opportunity to help expand access to Christ-centered education by encouraging donors to redirect their federal tax liability for scholarships. These scholarships help families choose a Christian school while supporting schools in fulfilling their mission without lowering standards or compromising identity.

This opportunity is about access and sustainability. It allows schools to partner with families, churches, and donors to remove financial barriers and strengthen long-term enrollment health.

When parents speak up and engage their schools, churches, and communities, it makes a difference. Together, we can help ensure access for **Every Student in Every State**.

What is the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship?



An individual contributes through CTF.

The contributor can claim a federal tax credit.

A student receives a scholarship to attend a Christian school.

- Begins **January 1, 2027**
- Up to **\$1,700** tax credit contribution
- Supports K–12 scholarships
- ACSI Children's Tuition Fund is an approved Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)



[Take Action]

How Parents Can Take Action

You do not need to be a policy expert to make a difference. A few simple steps can help expand access to Christ-centered education for families across your state.

1 Action 1: Thank or Urge Your Governor

Governors listen when parents speak. Your voice helps show that families care about expanding educational opportunity and access to Christ-centered education in your state.

If your state has opted in, a message of thanks encourages continued support. If your state has not yet opted in, a respectful note can help move the conversation forward.

See Governor Template ideas at
EveryStudentEveryState.org/parentresources

2 Action 2: Share with Your School

Christian schools play a key role in helping families understand and access scholarships. Your school may also need to select the ACSI Children's Tuition Fund as its primary Scholarship Granting Organization.

What parents can do:

- Encourage your school to select **CTF** as their SGO
- Share the school toolkit and campaign resources revealing how the tax credit works
- Encourage school leaders to communicate this opportunity to families and donors

See Head of School Email Template at
EveryStudentEveryState.org/parentresources





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Action 3: Share with Your Church and Community

Many families first learn about education opportunities through trusted relationships. Sharing this information helps spread awareness and build momentum.

Who to share this information with:

- Pastors and church leaders
- Small groups or Bible studies
- Christian friends, grandparents, and family members

Simple talking points, templates, pre-written social media posts, and other resources are at EveryStudentEveryState.org/parentresources

[Common Questions Parents Ask]

1. What is Children's Tuition Fund?

Children's Tuition Fund (CTF) is a Scholarship Granting Organization created as a ministry of ACSI. CTF has supported Christian schools for more than 20 years and currently operates in multiple states, managing millions of dollars in scholarship funding. CTF's depth of experience provides schools with the confidence to engage, backed by established systems and trusted partnerships.

2. What is the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship?

The Federal Tax Credit Scholarship is a new federal tax law that allows donors to receive a **100% non-refundable federal income tax credit up to \$1,700** for contributing to CTF, an approved SGO. CTF uses tax credit contributions to provide tuition scholarships and other education-related support throughout the United States.

3. Who can receive a scholarship?

Scholarships are available to K–12 students in states that formally opt in to the program whose families meet income criteria (up to 300% of the area's median income). Priority may be given to students who previously received scholarships, or their siblings.

4. What can scholarship funds be used for?

Scholarship funds may be used for a range of education costs, including tuition, curriculum materials and books, standardized test fees, educational therapies, instructional materials, and sometimes even homeschool-related costs, depending on SGO policies.

5. Do I have to be wealthy to benefit from the program?

No. The tax credit and scholarship program is designed to benefit a wide range of families. Because the credit is based on giving and scholarships are targeted by income eligibility (up to 300% of area median), many middle-income and moderate-income families may qualify.

6. Does this program take money from public school funding?

No. The Federal Tax Credit Scholarship uses private donations to fund scholarships and does not divert federal or state education funds away from public schools.

7. Will this program work in every state?

Not automatically. For students to receive scholarships in a state, the state must opt in by allowing Scholarship Granting Organizations to operate under the federal law. If a state does not opt in, families in that state cannot use scholarships funded through this program.

8. Can scholarship funds be used for homeschooling or learning services?

The law allows these scholarships to apply to homeschoolers. More information will follow once the rules and regulations are received later this year. CTF's primary service is to ACSI member schools and other Kingdom schools.



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