FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDIT



Beginning in 2027, the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit has the potential to generate hundreds of millions of dollars in scholarships for children across Massachusetts, including students attending Catholic schools. Eligible taxpayers can contribute up to $1,700 to a qualified Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) and receive a dollar-for-dollar federal tax credit, rather than sending those dollars to the federal government.

HOW IT WORKS

1

Taxpayer Donates

An individual can contribute up to $1,700 to a qualified SGO and receive a federal tax credit.

2

Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)

SGOs collect contributions and award scholarships to eligible students.

3

Scholarships Support Students

Eligible families apply and receive scholarships for approved K-12 educational expenses.

KEY POINTS

- Catholic schools provide an incredible education to students across Massachusetts. For many families, the cost of tuition is the only barrier to attending.
- Fifty years ago, Catholic schools were largely free. Forty years ago, the Catholic Schools Foundation was not raising money for scholarships. Today, it raises $15 million annually to provide need-based scholarships to over 4,000 students.
- The Federal Scholarship Tax Credit **costs the Commonwealth ZERO dollars and will have a major positive impact on public school funding.**
- This is not just about private-school tuition. Nearly 90% of Massachusetts students are eligible, and scholarships can support students in both public and private schools for services including tuition, tutoring, after-school programs, dual enrollment, special education services, and transportation.
- If Massachusetts opts in, the program could bring up to $1 billion in scholarship and educational supports to families across the Commonwealth over the next three years.
- **Governor Healey needs to opt into the program by December 31 to participate.** To date, 31 governors have indicated they will opt in, and many more are expected to follow.



ACT NOW

Take 1–3 minutes to submit a letter at

bit.ly/FSTCEMAIL

or call

617-725-4005

and urge Governor Healey to opt in today!

If Governor Healey does not opt in, our outstanding students will not be able to benefit. Residents may still participate in the program, but their contributions would support scholarships for students in other states. Please help us urge Governor Healey to opt in so our students can benefit.