



Georgia Private School Tax Credit

Tax Credit

Directions to Donate

Please find below the information and resources to better explain the tax credit and your options for donating. You can go to the [donation page](#) to begin the process.

What is the Qualified Education Expense Credit?

This tax credit was passed into law in July, 2008. RDS is excited about the law as it has financial benefits both for you and RDS. The state has set aside \$50 million in available credits each year, distributed on a first come first served basis.

How can this tax credit benefit both RDS and myself?

Under the new law, you can redirect a portion of your Georgia income tax liability to provide scholarship assistance to incoming RDS students that are currently enrolled in public school. You will receive a tax credit on your state income taxes and a charitable contribution deduction on your federal incomes taxes for the amount donated. For married couples filing jointly, the maximum tax credit-eligible contribution is \$2,500 (\$1,000 as an individual).

How it works?

We have partnered with Apogee Scholarship Fund, a state approved Student Scholarship Organization (SSO), to enable the RDS community to take advantage of this program. With a donation to the Apogee Scholarship Fund, a Georgia state income tax credit is available to you for the tax year the donation is made. Your donation can be used as a charitable contribution deduction on your Federal tax return.

Tax Credit Amounts by Filing Status

For Individual	<p>A single individual or head of household will receive a credit against their Georgia income tax liability in an amount equal to the actual amount expended or \$1,000 per tax year, whichever is less.</p> <p>Electronic filing of state individual income tax return will not be available for taxpayers claiming this credit.</p>
Married Filing Jointly	<p>The amount of the tax credit is equal to the actual amount expended or \$2,500 per tax year, whichever is less.</p> <p>Electronic filing of state individual income tax return will not be available for taxpayers claiming this credit.</p>
Corporate Donor	<p>State income tax credit limit up to 75% of the corporation's income tax liability or the actual amount donated, whichever is less.</p> <p>Option to NAME a dedicated scholarship fund in company's name.</p>

Who qualifies for the scholarship?

A Georgia resident enrolled in secondary or primary public school or eligible to enroll in a qualified kindergarten program or pre-kindergarten program.

How to Donate?

You can find all the resources necessary to apply for this tax credit on our website. Go to our Directions to Donate section to begin the process.

For additional questions or assistance, please contact RDS or John Panessa (404.419.7123) @ Apogee.

To learn more about the Apogee Scholarship Fund, please visit www.apogeescholarships.org.

RESOURCES

[Georgia Dept. of Revenue](#)

[Georgia Dept. of Education](#)

[Apogee Scholarships](#)

[Donation Form](#)

[Form IT-QEE-TP1](#)

[FAQ](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Parents or Guardians interested in applying for RDS scholarships should contact the school.

Apogee Georgia School Choice Scholarship fund officials will work closely with existing private schools and scholarship committees in the awarding of scholarships.



Re-allocate your Georgia tax dollars to Apogee Georgia School Choice Scholarship Fund

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Step 1:

- A. Complete [Form IT-QEE-TP1](#).
- B. Complete the Apogee [SSO Donation Form](#).
- C. Make your donation check payable to "Apogee Scholarship Fund".

Step 2:

Mail Forms and Check to:

Apogee Scholarship Fund
3330 Cumberland Blvd, Suite 400
Atlanta, Georgia 30339

**ASF will process your donation package and submit all necessary paperwork to the Department of Revenue on your behalf*

Step 3:

Although applicants will receive an approval letter from the Department of Revenue, ASF will also receive the approval in digital format directly from the DOR.

Your donation check will be held by ASF until the approval letter is received from the DOR. If ASF has the donation check in advance, deposit will be made immediately upon confirmation.

Within 30 days of deposit, ASF will mail you the documentation required to claim your tax credit. (Form IT-QEE-SSO1, Charitable Receipt letter)

As e-filing is available for this credit, it is only necessary to keep a copy of the tax credit receipt for your records. If manually filing, Form IT-QEE-SSO1 and Form IT-QEE-TP2 must be submitted with your GA return.

For additional filing instructions, please visit www.apogeescholarhips.org or contact our ASF representative, John Panessa @ 404.419.7123.

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