



Dear Pathways Academy Friends and Family,

A new law has been passed that provides exciting possibilities for Pathways Academy and its families. **Under the new Georgia Private School Tax Credit, all tax payers are now eligible to receive a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit in exchange for their contribution to a state-approved Student Scholarship Organization, or SSO.** This allows for every taxpayer to divert some or all of their state tax payment for 2009 to scholarships at no cost to you. This fund benefits families in need of scholarships. In addition to a state tax credit, your contribution can be utilized as a charitable contribution deduction on your federal return.

After careful research, we have opted to partner with the [Apogee Georgia School Choice Scholarship Fund](#), a Georgia 501(c)3 Student Scholarship Organization, to administer the program on our behalf. Maximum contributions are \$2,500 for married filing jointly and \$1,000 for individuals. C-Corporations can contribute up to 75% of their corporate tax liability and receive that amount as a dollar-for-dollar credit on Georgia taxes.

These credits are not indefinitely available. The state has placed a cap on the maximum amount of funds that can be contributed during the 2009 tax year. We are now in a race to obtain contributions and receive pre-approval before that cap is reached and the end of the year. We urgently need your participation.

We are looking to our community to support this program and help make it the success we know it can be. This program applies to all individuals or corporations paying GA state taxes, so you can also help by providing this information to others who might be interested in diverting some of their tax payments to Pathways Academy.

Please review the enclosed materials and consider helping us in this exciting effort. If you have any questions about this program, please do not hesitate to contact us or John Panessa, our representative at Apogee, at 404.419.7123 or via email at jpanessa@apogee360.com.

Thank you for your continued support of and commitment to Pathways Academy School for Dyslexia.

Sincerely,

Tina Gross

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Director

Enclosures: Donation Direction Form
Georgia Form IT-QEE-TP1



APOGEE GEORGIA SCHOOL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

FAQ

What are the Tax credit donation limits?

- Married Couple Filing Jointly: \$2,500
- Individuals: \$1,000
- C-corps: Up to 75% of your companies 2009 Georgia tax liability

Should I give now or wait until the end of the year?

- **You should give immediately.** The tax credit is capped at \$50 million annually and once the funds are used up, no future scholarship tax credits donations can be given for the tax year.
- By giving early, your school can better forecast the number of scholarships that can and will be disbursed for the 2009 Fall semester.

Do I really receive a tax benefit from donating if I'm an AMT filer?

- Yes, AMT filers will **earn up to 29%** of their donation amount. Consult your tax advisor for clarification.

What happens if my donation exceeds my tax liability?

- The tax credit is not a "refundable" credit. However it is not lost as any excess over your total current year Georgia income tax will be carried forward for up to 5 succeeding tax years

What is included in the donation package provided?

- Donation Direction Form (for directing your donation to your school of choice)
- Form IT-QEE-TP1

What happens to my donation after I mail it to Apogee?

- Apogee holds your donation in a safe and secure place until we receive confirmation of approval
- Once confirmation of approval is received (normally within 30 days of receipt), Apogee deposits your donation to be used for qualified student scholarships at the school of your choice
- It is acceptable to send your donation with your approval form as well

What happens to my donation if I mail it to Apogee and am not approved by the DOR?

- Apogee will return the donation check to the donor or destroy the check if instructed to do so

How do I notify Apogee that I have received my pre-approved Form IT-QEE-TP1 from the Department of Revenue?

- The Georgia Department of Revenue will mail your donation approval to the address you provide us. Upon receipt, please **Scan and Email** (scholarships@apogee360.org) or **FAX** (404.419.7101) or **Mail** copy to Apogee at the address below

Who do I contact at Apogee if my question wasn't answered here?

- John Panessa @ 404.419.7123 or scholarships@apogee360.org
- Apogee's website: www.apogeescholarships.org

Apogee Georgia School Choice Scholarship Fund
3300 Cumberland Boulevard, Suite 300
Atlanta, GA 30339
scholarships@apogee360.org | P 404.419.7123 | F 404.419.7101

The Apogee Georgia School Choice Scholarship Fund is an IRS registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Act NOW to Support Your Private School at No Cost *

Donor Name	<input type="text"/>	SSN	<input type="text"/>
Spouse Name	<input type="text"/>	SSN	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>		
City	<input type="text"/>	State	<input type="text"/>
	Zip Code	<input type="text"/>	
Estimated 2009 Georgia income tax liability (optional)	<input type="text"/>	Donation Amt.	<input type="text"/>

Direct my Donation to:

Tax credit limits

\$1,000 for individual filers
\$2,500 for married filing jointly
75% for C-corp

<hr/>	Date	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Filer
Donor Signature			<input type="checkbox"/> Married Filing Jointly
<hr/>	Date	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Married Filing Separate
Spouse Signature			<input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation
			<input type="checkbox"/> Subchapter S Corporation

INSTRUCTIONS

To authorize Apogee to receive your approved TP1 form from the DOR, please check the box

1. Complete Information above and sign
2. Sign Page 2 of Form IT-QEE-TP1 (*with your signature, Apogee will complete the form if desired*)
3. Write Donation Check to "Apogee Scholarship Fund"
4. Mail above documents to Apogee at the address listed below
5. When approved IT-QEE-TP1 Form is received from the DOR within 30 days of sending your package, please fax, email or mail a copy of your approved form to Apogee as confirmation.

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**Depending on your particular tax situation, the donation could cost up to 6% or if in AMT, you could actually benefit up to 29% of the donation*



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Georgia Form IT-QEE-TP1 (Last Rev. 10/09)

Qualified Education Expense Credit Preapproval Form

Georgia Department of Revenue Version 9

Please print your numbers like this in black or blue ink:



This form is the first step in applying for the income tax credit for qualified education expenses. The form is filed by the taxpayer and is used to request preapproval of an intended contribution to a student scholarship organization.

Enter for Contributor:

- Individual filing single or head of household, Individual filing a married joint return, Individual filing married separate return, C Corporation, Subchapter S Corporation for Georgia purposes, partnership, or limited liability company.

First Name or Name of Entity, MI, Taxpayer Identification Number

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Last Name if Individual, Suffix

If individual filing joint, first name of joint filer, MI, If individual filing joint, I.D. # of joint filer

Last Name of Joint Filer, Suffix

Address (Number and Street or P.O. Box)

City, State, Zip Code

Tax Year End of Contributor, Calendar Year in which Contribution will be Made

Contact Person (for contributions by entities), Telephone Number

- The contribution must be preapproved... The taxpayer must add back... The tax credit shall not be allowed... The student scholarship organization must be on the Department of Education's website...

A. CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT

- 1. The amount of the contribution the taxpayer intends to make... 2. [For corporate contributors only] Enter 75% of the corporation's estimated income tax liability... 3. Name of student scholarship organization... 4. Taxpayer I.D.# of student scholarship organization...

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Instructions

The Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section **48-7-29.16** establishes an income tax credit for qualified education expenses.

A credit is allowed for the expenditure of funds by the taxpayer to a student scholarship organization, operating pursuant to Chapter 2A of Title 20, which uses the contribution for tuition and fees for a qualified school or program.

Definitions: For purposes of the credit, the term:

- (1) "Student scholarship organization" means a charitable organization in this state that:
 - (A) Is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and allocates 90 percent of its annual revenue for scholarships or tuition grants to allow students to attend any qualified school of their parents' choice; and
 - (B) Provides educational scholarships or tuition grants to eligible students without limiting availability to only students of one school.

- (2) "Eligible student" means a student who is a Georgia resident enrolled in a Georgia secondary or primary public school or eligible to enroll in a qualified kindergarten program or pre-kindergarten program.

- (3) "Qualified school or program" means a nonpublic primary school or secondary school that:
 - (A) Is accredited or in the process of becoming accredited by one or more entities listed in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (6) of Code Section 20-3-519; and
 - (B) Is located in this state, adheres to the provisions of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, and satisfies the requirements prescribed by law for private schools in this state.

Requirements: Each student scholarship organization:

- (1) Must obligate 90 percent of its annual revenue for scholarships or tuition grants; however, up to 25 percent of this amount may be carried forward for the next fiscal year;

- (2) Must maintain separate accounts for scholarship funds and operating funds;

- (3) May transfer funds to another student scholarship organization;

- (4) Must have an audit conducted of its accounts by an independent certified public accountant within 120 days after the completion of the student scholarship organization's fiscal year and provide such audit to the Department of Revenue in accordance with Code Section 20-2A-3;

- (5) Must report to the Department of Revenue, on a form provided by the Department of Revenue, by January 12 of each calendar year the following:
 - (A) The total number and dollar value of contributions and tax credits approved
 - (B) A list of donors, including the dollar value of each donation and the dollar value of each approved tax credit; and
 - (C) A copy of the audit of the student scholarship organization referenced in (4), above.

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Preapproval Required

The total amount of credits granted to all taxpayers per calendar year cannot exceed \$50 million. Amounts are allowed on a first come, first served basis. Before making a contribution to a student scholarship organization, the taxpayer must notify the Department of Revenue of the amount that the taxpayer intends to contribute to the student scholarship organization. The Department will then preapprove or deny the requested amount within 30 days after receiving the request from the taxpayer. Once preapproval is received, the taxpayer must make the contribution to the student scholarship organization within 30 days of the date of the preapproval notice received from the Department, and within the calendar year in which it was preapproved. A copy of the preapproval notice should be sent to the student scholarship organization along with the contribution.

Credit Limits

Individual Taxpayers

An individual taxpayer is allowed a credit for qualified education expenses as follows:

- (1) In the case of a single individual or a head of household, the actual amount expended or \$1,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less; or
- (2) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, the actual amount expended or \$2,500.00 per tax year, whichever is less; or
- (3) In the case of a married couple filing a separate return, the actual amount expended or \$1,250.00 per tax year, whichever is less.

For an individual taxpayer the credit is further limited and may not exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. The amount of the credit that exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability can be used against the next succeeding five years' tax liability.

Corporate Taxpayers

A corporation is allowed a credit for qualified education expenses in an amount not to exceed the lesser of the actual amount expended or 75 percent of the corporation's income tax liability for the tax year, of the corporation, in which the contribution will be made. Any of this lesser amount (amount expended or 75% of the corporation's income tax liability) that is not used can be used against the succeeding five years' tax liability.

Claiming the Credit

Please attach Form IT-QEE-SSO1 and Form IT-QEE-TP2 to your Georgia income tax return when claiming the credit.

Electronic Filing

Electronic Filing is available for taxpayers claiming this credit. Individual taxpayers that electronically file their tax return do not have to submit Form IT-QEE-SSO1. Form IT-QEE-SSO1 shall be maintained by the taxpayer and made available upon request by the Commissioner.