



**Making the dream of a Christian education
a reality for families through scholarships!**

Donating to the Lutheran SGO of Indiana maximizes the impact of your giving to your favorite Lutheran school.

What is the Indiana Tax Credit Scholarship?

Tax Credit Scholarships, better known as “SGO Scholarships”, are scholarships awarded by Scholarship Granting Organizations to families to attend the nonpublic school of their choice. SGOs were enacted in 2009 and have been expanded in subsequent years as a key component of the Indiana School Choice effort. Donations to fund SGO scholarships feature a 50% state tax credit for the donor.

What is the Lutheran SGO?

The Lutheran SGO is a separately incorporated, 501(c)3 charitable organization, created to provide SGO scholarships specifically for non-public schools in Indiana that choose to work with us. Each participating school has its own sub-account. There is also a General Fund for donors wanting to benefit any student in need regardless of the school.

What is an example of the possible benefits?

For example, a donation of \$10,000 could result in the following benefits:

- \$5,000 tax credit for your Indiana state tax due
- \$5,000 deduction eligibility for your federal taxes due for those who itemize
- Knowing that you made scholarships possible for families to receive a Christ-centered education!

Can donors direct their gift to a specific school?

Donors can designate their donation to any Indiana nonpublic school that has partnered with The Lutheran SGO or to the General Fund for all schools. You can also split your gift to more than one school.

Is there a limit to how much donors can give?

As of the 2023-24 fiscal year, there is an \$18.5 million per-fiscal-year, across the state, cap on available state tax credits for up to \$37 million in donations statewide with expected increases in the future. There are no limits on the size of contributions eligible per company or individual; you or your business could donate “\$5 or \$5,000,000”, depending on the remaining tax credits available statewide. Contact us for the current cap and remaining credit status.

Is there a limit to the tax credit donors can receive?

You can reduce or eliminate up to the full amount you have paid or will owe the state in any given tax year. If already paid, you can receive a refund up to what you have already paid in state taxes. You may rollover the remaining unused credits for up to an additional nine years.

Who can donate to the Lutheran SGO?

Anyone can support SGO scholarships! However, to receive the Tax Credit you must pay or owe Indiana state taxes. Donations can come from individuals, corporations, LLCs, the self-employed, etc.

How do I make a donation?

To make a donation, check out our website at www.LutheranSGO.org, and follow the prompts.

For more information, contact:

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OUR MISSION

The Lutheran SGO exists to partner with schools in raising funds from individuals and businesses and distributing scholarship funds to all eligible students attending Lutheran and other Christian schools in states served by the Lutheran SGO.