



ANGEL

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*Turning taxes into tuition
with the Catholic Community Foundation*

Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is Ohio's new Scholarship Tax-Credit Program?

In 2022, Ohio General Assembly established a new program whereby Ohioans can receive a 100% tax credit against Ohio income tax liability for cash contributions to certified organizations that grant scholarships to students, including those attending Catholic schools. The maximum credit amount is currently \$750 (\$1,500 if married filing jointly).

Who will benefit from this program?

The program will benefit Ohio Catholic schools and students by prioritizing scholarships for low-income families that seek higher-quality education opportunities for their children. It will also offer taxpayers the ability to reduce their Ohio state tax liability by making a contribution to Scholarship Granting Organizations such as the Scholarship Granting Organization of the Catholic Community Foundation ("Angel Scholarship Fund"). This is a dollar-for-dollar tax credit against your tax liability, or the tax you owe to the state of Ohio.

What is the Angel Scholarship Fund?

The Catholic Community Foundation has established The Angel Scholarship Fund as a Scholarship Granting Organization to support our Catholic Schools and students in the Diocese of Cleveland. Beginning January 1, 2022, it is possible to "turn tax dollars into tuition" by making a charitable contribution to the Angel Scholarship Fund that is eligible for a 100% tax credit on the donor's 2022 State of Ohio income tax return. The maximum credit amount is currently \$750 (\$1,500 if married filing jointly).

Are Catholic Community Foundation and the Angel Scholarship Fund part of the Diocese of Cleveland?

The Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) and the Angel Scholarship Fund are separate corporations and 501(c)(3) organizations that support the ministries of the Diocese of Cleveland. The Scholarship Granting Organization of the Catholic Community Foundation (the "Angel Scholarship Fund") was in the inaugural class of organizations certified by the State of Ohio as a "Scholarship Granting Organization." The Angel Scholarship Fund has been established to receive funds for and grant scholarships to Catholic school students throughout the Diocese of Cleveland.

How does this new program work?

Donors can make undesignated contributions to the Angel Scholarship Fund, and the Angel Scholarship Fund can then award to any eligible student from any Catholic school; or donors can make a contribution designated to benefit students at a particular school. The Angel Scholarship Fund, like any SGO, is required to prioritize "low income" (under 300% of the poverty threshold) recipients, but otherwise the law does not place limits on which K-12 students can be served or the number of scholarships that can be awarded. This program holds tremendous potential for bolstering our efforts to ensure the viability of our Catholic schools and has the potential to benefit every Catholic school in the diocese.

Will Angel Scholarships be awarded to applicants that are not "low income?"

All students that apply are eligible to receive an Angel Scholarship. While applicants that are under 300% of the poverty threshold (in 2021-2022 this is \$79,500 for a family of four) will be prioritized, applicants that are over this threshold are also eligible for an Angel Scholarship, based on availability of funds.



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When will scholarships from the Angel Scholarship Fund be granted?

This depends upon the initial response from donors. Scholarship awards could begin as soon as the fall of 2022. Otherwise, they will begin in the Spring of 2023.

How can I learn more about the Angel Scholarship Fund?

Please visit catholiccommunity.org/angel for more information about this exciting initiative!

Note: The State of Ohio Tax Credit Scholarship initiative is subject to change from Ohio Attorney General's Office.

CONTRIBUTING TO THE ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Who can contribute to the Angel Scholarship Fund?

Any Ohio taxpayer, single or married, with an Ohio tax liability.

Is there a cap on the amount I can contribute to the Angel Scholarship Fund?

No! Contributions of any size will be accepted, and generous giving is encouraged as a means for helping more students receive a scholarship towards a Catholic education. While the tax-credit is capped at \$750, those who give a larger amount to the Angel Scholarship Fund will be extending their generosity even further.

Can I contribute to the Angel Scholarship Fund more than once in 2022?

Yes. You can contribute multiple times in support of the area of greatest need and the school/s of your choosing. Keep in mind that the total tax-credit you are able to take is equal to the lesser of \$750 or your total tax liability.

Can my contribution be directed to the school of my choice?

While low-income families will be prioritized, the intent of the Angel Scholarship Fund is to offer donors the option of making:

- An undesignated contribution that supports schools and students across the Diocese of Cleveland based on financial need; or,
- A contribution that is designated to benefit students of a specific Catholic school.

May donors designate their contribution to a specific student?

As a 501(c)(3) organization, the Angel Scholarship Fund does not accept contributions that are designated for specific students. However, you may direct your contribution to students of one or more Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cleveland. You can find a list of schools at www.dioceseofcleveland.org/schools.

May I contribute online?

Yes. You can contribute online in just minutes. Make your contribution at www.catholiccommunity.org/angel. You will receive an immediate electronic confirmation of your contribution. A tax receipt will be mailed to you from the Angel Scholarship Fund to use when filing your 2022 State of Ohio income taxes and claiming your tax credit.

What are the payment options?

A printable payment form is available [here](#). Payments may be made by check, credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express), electronic funds transfer in one single payment or monthly. The Angel Scholarship Fund will send a tax receipt to you for your contribution.



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Is it possible to make monthly contributions?

Yes! You can contact the Angel Scholarship Fund to schedule monthly contributions if that best suits your family's budget. Or you can schedule monthly contributions online at www.catholiccommunity.org/angel.

Who gets the contribution?

Students in Catholic Schools located within the Diocese of Cleveland who apply and have demonstrated need are the recipients of the tax credit scholarships through the Angel Scholarship Fund.

Can matching contributions from employers be made to the Angel Scholarship Fund?

Yes! This is a great way to double or triple your contribution. Contact your employer's human resources or benefits department to verify participation. If they do, fill out the employee portion of the application and send it to the Angel Scholarship Fund, 1404 East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

You may also mail the matching contribution application with your contribution, and the Angel Scholarship Fund will mail the completed application to your employer.

Who is eligible to receive an Angel Scholarship?

All students enrolling in a Catholic K-12 school within the Diocese of Cleveland each year are welcome to complete a scholarship application form. While the Angel Scholarship Fund will strive to assist as many financially qualified students as possible, the primary criteria for awarding scholarships is financial need; the priority will be low-income students when processing awards for scholarships. "Low income" means the student's household income is under 300% of the poverty threshold published by the United States Census Bureau, or the student, or their guardians, receive public assistance. Upon confirmation that a student/family is approved for tuition funding, the funds are sent by the Angel Scholarship Fund directly to the school the student attends.

TAX-CREDIT INFORMATION*

** The information below is general in nature and is not intended to be used by anyone as tax advice. Please consult a tax professional that is aware of your personal tax situation about this credit and your potential use of it.*

Is the amount I claim a tax deduction?

Angel Scholarship Fund donors will receive a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit up to the \$750 maximum contribution, which is different from a tax deduction. Tax deductions reduce your taxable income. A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar credit against the taxes paid to the state of Ohio. The funds are directed to the Angel Scholarship Fund rather than the state.

How do I qualify for the tax credit?

To qualify for the tax credit, donors first make a monetary donation to the Angel Scholarship Fund. The credit amount equals the lesser of \$750 or the total amount donated to the Fund during the tax year.



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How do I get a tax credit?

Follow 3 easy steps:

1. If desired, review your tax liability from last year (2021 1040 IT, line 8c) to help estimate the amount of your tax liability for this year against which the credit can be taken. Keep in mind the maximum credit amount is currently \$750 (\$1,500 if married filing jointly).
2. Make your contribution online at www.catholiccommunity.org/angel, by completing a contribution form, or by calling 216-902-1312.
3. Use the tax receipt you receive from the Angel Scholarship Fund to claim your tax credit when you file your 2022 State of Ohio income tax return.

How does the taxpayer estimate their tax liability for this year?

Taxpayers can contact their tax preparer, or review their previous year's state tax return; this may help to estimate your state tax liability for the current year against which the credit can be claimed. This is the total of your tax and not necessarily the amount deducted from your paychecks, the amount refunded to you, or the amount due. Call your tax preparer with additional questions or for further assistance.

How does the taxpayer claim the tax credit?

Taxpayers claim the credit when they complete their tax return by writing in their support amount on the designated lines of the Ohio individual income tax return and attaching their tax receipt from the Angel Scholarship Fund. If you do not pay any income tax to the State of Ohio, no benefit will be received.

Tax forms are available by calling the Department of Revenue at (800) 352-4090 or clicking on the tax form pages (when they become available) on the Angel Scholarship Fund webpage.

Does the Angel Scholarship Fund submit my contribution information to the State of Ohio or the IRS?

No. The Angel Scholarship Fund does not submit your contribution information to the state of Ohio nor the IRS, but it does provide a tax receipt that you can use to claim the credit, if applicable.

How do I know if I pay state income taxes?

Everyone pays state income taxes unless you take a loss or don't have earned income. Even if you receive a state tax refund, you have paid state income taxes. Take a look at your last year's tax return to determine how much you pay in state income taxes. Checking last year's tax liability may give you an idea as to what your tax credit may be when you make a contribution to the Angel Scholarship Fund this year, up to the \$750 maximum.

Where do I get the tax form to submit this tax credit program?

Tax forms will be downloadable at www.catholiccommunity.org/angel when they are made available by the State of Ohio.