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Your Gift!



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DOUBLE YOUR GENEROSITY

FIFTY-PERCENT TAX CREDIT

Roll up your sleeves and give generously to support scholarships. You'll empower kids to attend the school of their choice. And, if you hurry, you may qualify for a 50-percent Indiana state tax credit. **Let's get to work TODAY!**

MISSION

The Lutheran SGO of Indiana exists to raise funds from individuals and businesses to provide scholarship funds to all eligible students wanting to attend an Indiana Lutheran school.

VISION

The Lutheran SGO of Indiana will ensure that all eligible families in Indiana have the opportunity to attend the Lutheran school of their choice. Our efforts will support enrollment growth and Christian outreach to families.

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MAKE A DONATION

YES! I want to make Christian education a reality for families in Indiana. Please accept the following gift: \$_____

- ☐ for a general fund for all schools, or
☒ for **St. John Lutheran School, Indianapolis**

PLEASE NOTE: Direct gifts to "The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana"

Payment

- ☐ Check enclosed ☐ Online donation
☐ Donated securities ☐ IRA charitable rollover
☐ Farm assets ☐ Please contact me
☐ I am interested in montly giving
☐ Bank card information (below)

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Card security code _____ Exp. date ____/____/____

Signature (cards only) _____

Your Indiana Tax Credit Certificate will be mailed with your official thank you letter.

Please complete form and mail to:
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SCHOLARSHIP
GRANTING ORGANIZATION
OF INDIANA



Yes, We Can Do It!

Help Meet Our Scholarship Goals.

**St. John Lutheran,
Indianapolis**





I want you to
**SUPPORT
SCHOLARSHIPS**

TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE JULY 1.

Take full advantage of all the benefits of donating to the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) of Indiana. Our SGO enables low- to middle-income families to send their children to the school of their choice. For their generosity, donors may receive a 50-percent state tax credit. Donations can take many forms, from cash to commodities.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Indiana Tax Credit Scholarship?

Tax Credit Scholarships, better known as "SGO scholarships," are scholarships awarded by the Scholarship Granting Organization to low- and middle-income families to help them afford the non-public school of their choice. Donations to fund SGO scholarships feature a 50-percent state tax credit for the donor.

Are SGOs and vouchers the same thing?

No. The official name for a voucher is a "School Choice Scholarship," and the similarity in

names is a cause for confusion. One key difference between SGOs and vouchers is that SGO scholarships are funded by charitable donations, while vouchers are funded by state tax distributions. The voucher and SGO programs also have separate efforts and guidelines.

What is the Lutheran SGO of Indiana?

The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana, Inc. is a separately incorporated, 501(c)(3) charitable organization, created to provide SGO scholarships specifically for affiliated schools in Indiana. Each participating school has its own sub-account. There is also a general fund for donors wanting to benefit any participating school in need of additional SGO scholarship support.

What is the Tax Credit available to SGO donors?

Donors are eligible to take advantage of a 50-percent credit against their state tax liability for these contributions.

What about the federal tax deduction?

Gifts to our SGO are also tax-deductible to the full extent of the federal charitable tax laws.

What is an example of possible benefits?

Example: Donation of \$10,000 could result in the following benefits for a donor in the 25-percent tax bracket:

- \$5,000 tax credit from your Indiana state tax due.
- \$2,500 deduction from your federal tax due.
- Satisfaction of providing scholarships for students to receive a Christ-centered education.

What can donors give to the Lutheran SGO?

Support for SGO scholarships can come from many of the same sources as any gift to charity, including checks, bank cards, stocks, etc. Making a donation to is a simple process. You will need to direct your donation to "The Lutheran SGO of Indiana," not to your school or your church if you want the tax credit. You will also need to complete the form on this brochure.

Is there a limit to how much donors can give?

There is a \$14 million per-fiscal-year cap on available state tax credits for up to \$28 million in donations statewide. There are no limits on

the size of contributions eligible per entity or individual; donors or their businesses could contribute \$5 or \$5,000,000, depending on the remaining tax credits available statewide.

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

Donors can reduce the full amount they have paid or will owe the state. Donors may roll over any unused credits for an additional nine years.

Can donors direct their gift to a specific school?

Donors can designate their donation to any Indiana Lutheran school or to the general fund.

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 corporations, partnerships, LLCs, PCs, the self-employed, or individual taxpayers.