

CEF TAX CREDIT GUIDE

The Catholic Education Foundation offers a 75% Kansas income tax credit for donations

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO CONTRIBUTE:

- Individuals or couples filing jointly with Kansas tax liability
- Corporations and pass-through entities
- Banks that pay privilege taxes
- Insurance companies that pay premium taxes

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE DONATION:

- CEF uses it to fund scholarships for students at the lowest income levels to attend Catholic schools in the Archdiocese
- CEF processes your application with KS Dept of Revenue and secures your 75% state income tax credit
- **Minimum qualifying donation of \$5,000** including checks, stocks, property and more

ADVANTAGES:

- Donor **reduces or eliminates Kansas state tax liability**
- Part or all of donation may be deductible on federal return
- Tax credits can be carried forward into future tax years and do not expire (tax credits are not transferrable)
- Contributions cannot exceed \$500,000 per contributor/year

THE IMPACT:

- Scholarships help hundreds of at-risk students attend K-12 Catholic schools annually, regardless of faith
- **100% of these students graduate from high school**
- 93% of scholarship recipients are ethnic minorities
- CEF scholarships help lift students out of poverty and stabilize economically challenged communities
- CEF Tax Credit Scholarships save KS taxpayers millions/year
- CEF schools provide significant social and emotional support

ABOUT CEF:

- CEF is a 501(c)3 charitable organization with a 25-year track record of success
- CEF is the **ONLY** Archdiocesan organization supporting Catholic education that offers donors Kansas state income tax credits

*Some restrictions apply.
Contact us for details.*



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How donors benefit from CEF 75% Tax Credits

The following example scenarios illustrate the potential impact of **individual donations** under a variety of tax rates and scenarios. Consult your tax advisor for details on your own tax circumstances and strategy.

Individual Taxpayer Sample Scenarios

Net Cost of Gift at Various Donation Amounts			
Contribution:	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$25,000
State Tax Credit	(\$ 5,625)	(\$ 7,500)	(\$18,750)
Net Federal Deductible Gift	\$ 1,875	\$ 2,500	\$ 6,250
Federal Tax Rate	35%	35%	35%
Federal Tax Savings for Charitable Deduction	(\$ 656)	(\$ 875)	(\$ 2,188)
Net Cost of Gift:	\$ 1,219	\$1,625	\$ 4,062

Additional tax savings benefits exist for Kansas C-Corporations utilizing the CEF tax credits. C-Corporations may also treat the amount of the 75% tax credit as an ordinary and necessary business expense for federal tax purposes. The remaining 25% may qualify as a possible charitable donation, as it does for many individual and pass-through entities.

There are a number of taxpayer-specific factors that could impact these results. The Catholic Education Foundation does not provide tax, legal or accounting advice. Any illustrative material is prepared for information purposes only. Consult your tax advisor for details on your own tax circumstances and strategy.

How students benefit from CEF scholarships

Students at the lowest poverty levels who qualify for the program can receive tuition scholarships to attend the school of their parents' choosing. The parents and the school also contribute to the cost of tuition.



100%

GRADUATION RATE

with 90% planning to continue their education at a 2-year or 4-year university.



81% MINORITY SCHOLARS

CEF scholarships offer equity of opportunity to a diverse community of students in under-performing school districts.

1 OUT OF EVERY 3 STUDENTS

attending the K-12 Archdiocesan schools we serve relies on a CEF scholarship.

“The Catholic Education Foundation’s efforts do not simply allow us to have more students in our schools. CEF helps us bring more students and families closer to God and into relationship with Jesus Christ.”

— Vince Cascone, Superintendent of Catholic Schools



To learn more about this program and discuss the application process, contact the CEF Tax Credit Office at taxcredits@cefks.org, or by phone at (913) 721-1572.

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