



**ASPIRING**  
— SCHOLARS —

*Aspiring to make Catholic Education affordable for every Louisiana child*

## Direct Your State of Louisiana Taxes to Louisiana Catholic Schools through Aspiring Scholars

The Tuition Donation Credit Program allows donors to direct their tax liability for student scholarships while empowering Louisiana families to select the school of their choice. Aspiring Scholars offers families the option for their children to experience the high-quality academic and spiritual opportunities provided by Louisiana Catholic schools.

### Why should I direct my State taxes to this program?

If you have a tax liability to the State of Louisiana, why not direct those funds to Catholic education in your community? The State Tuition Tax Credit Program allows individuals and businesses with Louisiana state income tax liability to direct those funds toward qualifying families seeking a Catholic School Education. Donors receive:

- 95% tax credit on their donation
- The remaining 5% goes towards administrative fees and can be claimed as a federal charitable deduction.

### Can I designate to a specific school or student?

Donors can select a group of schools or leave their donation unrestricted for Aspiring Scholars to offer scholarships to any Catholic school in Louisiana. By statute, donors are only able to designate funds to a specific student if that student has a special needs designation and is accepted into exceptional student program, available at some Catholic schools in the state.

### How can I make a gift?

Visit [www.aspiringscholarsla.org](http://www.aspiringscholarsla.org) and click "Make a Donation." Your donation of state tax liability funds made to Aspiring Scholars goes directly to fund life-changing educational opportunities in the form of scholarships to disadvantaged children. Your investment is transforming individual lives today and for generations to come! **Strong communities make for a healthy State of Louisiana.**



*"A Catholic education  
should be accessible  
to all families  
who want it  
for their children."*

**Dr. RaeNell Houston**

Aspiring Scholars Board Member  
& Superintendent of Catholic Schools,  
Archdiocese of New Orleans

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# When it comes to Catholic Education... we all benefit!

## 1 Students & Families

Through Aspiring Scholars, families in need have the opportunity to apply for a life-changing scholarship that will allow them to send their children to a Catholic school. Families desiring a Catholic education must meet eligibility requirements (income, residency, and prior school attendance) and must still apply and be accepted to the school of their choice. Students receive approximately \$4,205 per year for elementary tuition and \$4,730 per year for high school tuition. Families are responsible for paying any remaining tuition not covered by the scholarship, which can come through their own finances or additional scholarships offered by the school or community. Once approved for a scholarship, students may remain in the program until they graduate high school, as long as they remain qualified.

## 2 Catholic Schools

When Aspiring Scholars recipients attend a Catholic school, the school has guaranteed tuition dollars that they can use for critical needs in the budget including teacher raises and improving school resources. Most importantly, schools benefit from each Aspiring Scholars recipient who brings their gifts and talents to the school community!

## 3 Your Local Community

Directing funds to Aspiring Scholars ensures that your State of Louisiana taxes are used for education in your community. Catholic Schools form students through academically rigorous curriculums and instructs them in how to live as disciples of Christ. Students graduate with a strong moral compass and prepared for their next steps in life - whether that be college or a career. Your investment today will impact Louisiana for generations to come!

## We Believe in Catholic Education

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## How does the tax credit work?

Through Aspiring Scholars, Louisiana taxpayers receive a 95% tax credit at the time of donation. If the credit exceeds the tax liability for the first year, it can carry over the unused portion for up to three taxable years. The remaining 5% of the donation (which is used for administrative costs) qualifies for a federal charitable contribution deduction.

### Here are two examples:



Miles and Grace gift \$3,000 to Aspiring Scholars but only owe \$2,000 to the State of Louisiana on this year's taxes. They will receive a \$1,900 tax credit for this year and \$100 will go to administrative costs (which can be claimed as a federal charitable deduction). The State of Louisiana will contact them about how to claim the remaining \$1,000.



Naomi owes \$1,000 to the state of Louisiana on her taxes this year. She can designate all \$1,000 dollars on the pledge form and \$950 will go toward scholarship funds and \$50 will go for administrative costs. Furthermore, she can designate funds go to the Catholic elementary school and high school in her community. The pledged money will go towards scholarships for students applying for those schools.

## Life-Changing Impact

\$1 million in donated taxes =

**225** student scholarships

\$5 million in donated taxes =

**1,125** student scholarships

\$10 million in donated taxes =

**2,250** student scholarships