

YOU CAN CHANGE A  
CHILD'S LIFE FOR GOOD

**BLOCS**

**EDUCATIONAL  
IMPROVEMENT**

**TAX CREDIT  
PROGRAM OVERVIEW**



## Our Mission

We believe that every school-aged child in the Philadelphia region—regardless of race or religion—deserves a future filled with **promise + hope**.

For more than forty years, Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools ("BLOCS"), has been committed to providing eligible\* families access to high-quality, values-based private or faith-based education, as an alternative to their area public school.

If eligible, these families will receive grade school, high school, or special education scholarships to attend a qualifying private school.





## Program Overview

Through the establishment of Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs, donors can receive up to a 90% tax credit against their personal PA state tax liability by making their gift through BLOCS.

An individual or company who wishes to take advantage of this tax-credit program may become a member of a BLOCS Scholarship LLC ("LLC"). These special purpose entities (or SPE's), are **the only financial vehicle** available for individuals (or companies who do not have direct tax credit approval) to be able to realize tax credits in return for scholarship donations.

To join, an individual or company makes a 2-year commitment, (minimum of \$5,000 per year), to fund the LLC. After being approved by the state, BLOCS has 60 days to fund the LLC, meaning your first payment of two will be required within that time period. Your second (or Year 2) contribution will be made approximately one year following the first payment date.

The LLC will then receive tax credits equal to 90% of the donation amount. These credits will be distributed to each member via K-1 and are then applied to your PA tax liability for the tax year in which the donation is made.

## Scholarship Allocation

The BLOCS' Scholarship Committee, in partnership with school administrators, identifies the families and students with the greatest financial need, helping them break the cycle of poverty by giving them access to safe, high-quality schools.

*\*Eligibility is based on income and geographic guidelines established by the state.*

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## Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program

### *What types of taxes can be offset by this credit?*

Businesses that are authorized to do business in Pennsylvania who are subject to one or more of the following taxes:

1. Corporate Net Income Tax
2. Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax
3. Malt Beverage Tax
4. Personal Income Tax --- Sub-chapter S-corporations and other "pass-through" entities will be able to use the credit against the shareholders', members', or partners' PA personal income taxes
5. Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax
6. Insurance Premiums Tax (excluding surplus lines, unauthorized, domestic/foreign marine)
7. Mutual Thrift Institutions Tax
8. Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax
9. Retaliatory Fees under Section 212 of the Insurance Company Law of 1921

## Sample Tax Calculations

### *Can I see an example of how the credit works?*

Sample Calculation for LLC, Partnership, or S-Corporation (2-year commitment):

Cash to Charity	\$10,000
PA Tax Credit Reduction (90% of contribution)	(9,000)
Net Federal Tax Reduction for contribution (37% tax rate)	(370)
Out of Pocket	\$630