

## How do I re-direct my Georgia income taxes for the kids?

**1. File for Approval.** Go to [www.goalscholarship.org](http://www.goalscholarship.org) and download Form IT-QEE-TP1 preapproval form. Of course, we will be happy to send you a copy. Complete this simple form and send it to: FCS, 10965 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA 30075, Attn: Kaye Stafford. FCS will file the application with the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR).

**2. Receive Approval.** The DOR will then send you a copy of the approved Form IT-QEE-TP1. This will let you know that you are approved to make your contribution.

**3. Contribute.** You will have 30 days from the DOR approval date to make your contribution to Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program, Inc. **Please be sure to designate our school in the memo section of the check.** Please send the check along with a copy of the approved Form IT-QEE-TP1 to FCS, 10965 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA 30075, Attn: Kaye Stafford, and we will forward them to GOAL. GOAL will send you a contribution acknowledgement letter and a Form IT-QEE-SSO1 that will need to be filed with your Georgia income tax return.

**4. Take Credit.** You will claim the tax credit on your Georgia return and, if you itemize deductions, take the corresponding charitable deduction on your federal return. Since the state will not let you receive both an income tax credit and a tax deduction for the contribution, you will need to add the amount of your federal deduction back to your Georgia taxable income. Each year, tax filing guidelines are posted on the GOAL website. Please contact GOAL or us with any questions; however, we encourage you to discuss the tax credit with your tax advisor.

Georgians have been given a rare opportunity – the ability to decide how to spend income tax dollars that they otherwise would pay to the government. Since 2008, more than 6,500 taxpayers have redirected some of their Georgia income taxes to the Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program. As a result of their generosity, \$20 million has been obligated for the provision of GOAL Scholarships to deserving students.

Close to 3,000 GOAL Scholarships have already been provided to Georgia families who desired a better option for the education of their children

*“Receiving a GOAL Scholarship has been the answer to my prayers. I am so thankful for everyone who made it possible for me to attend a private school.”*  
- Kevin Hughes, a 2009 GOAL Scholarship recipient.

Proudly participating in the  
Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program:



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Re-direct Your Georgia  
Income Taxes to Provide  
Private School Scholarships

**Georgia taxpayers can now take credit for helping kids!** A 2008 law allows individuals and corporations to receive a Georgia income tax credit (and federal income tax deduction) for re-directing their state income tax payments to the Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program.

GOAL uses these contributions to provide private school scholarships to students who are eligible to enroll in Pre-K4 or kindergarten or who are transferring from a Georgia public school.

**How this helps you, the school, and the children.** You are already paying income taxes to the state. Why not re-direct some of those taxes to provide Georgia children with Greater Opportunities for Access to Learning (GOAL)?

When you re-direct your Georgia income taxes to GOAL, you can designate that the contribution be used to provide scholarships at our school. Thus, we are able to:

1. increase the financial aid that we can offer new students,
2. increase our school enrollment, and
3. increase the funds that we have available to improve our educational offerings.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**What is the GOAL Scholarship Program website address?** [www.goalscholarship.org](http://www.goalscholarship.org)

**Which students are eligible to receive GOAL scholarships?** Georgia residents eligible to enroll in a Pre-K4 or kindergarten program or who are enrolled in a Georgia primary or secondary public school.

**What is the maximum amount I can contribute?**

- a. Single individual or head of household - \$1,000;
- b. Married couple filing joint return - \$2,500;
- c. Married couple filing separate return- \$1,250;
- d. C Corporation - 75% percent of Georgia income tax liability;
- e. S corporation shareholder, LLC member, or partnership partner – pro-rata ownership share of the pass-through entity’s contribution, not to exceed the limitations on individuals and married couples.

**Can I designate that my contribution be used to provide GOAL Scholarships at a specific school?** Yes, you designate the school in the memo section of the check.

**Can I designate my contribution be used to provide a GOAL Scholarship so a specific individual can attend our school?** No. If you would like for our school to consider the tuition assistance needs of a specific applicant to our school, please contact us.

**How are GOAL Scholarships awarded?**

Each year, our school recommends GOAL scholarship candidates to GOAL. In making those recommendations, we consider financial need, the merit of the applicants, and the amount of designated funds in our GOAL account.

**Can a student receive a scholarship in more than one year?** Yes, students may be awarded a GOAL Scholarship for so long as they attend our school; however, each year, it is up to school officials to determine the recommended amount of the scholarship for that year.

**Is there a deadline to contribute?** The contribution must be preapproved and the donation postmarked on its way to GOAL by December 31.

**How does the DOR know when to stop approving contributions?** The DOR tracks the amount of tax credits that it has approved and will reject any approval requests filed after the \$50 million annual cap has been reached. There is a new \$50 million cap that starts on January 1 of each year.

**If my tax credit plus the amount of Georgia income taxes I have paid during the year exceed my Georgia liability, will I be eligible to receive a refund?** Yes, but consult with your tax advisor on your specific situation.

**What happens if the tax credit exceeds my liability?** Any unused tax credit can be rolled over for up to five years.

**Can I contribute less than the approved amount?** Yes, you can contribute less than the approved amount. However, if you later decide to contribute more, you must file another pre-approval form with the DOR.

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## For those who would like to apply for a Goal Scholarship

If you are reading this and wondering how your child could benefit from the receipt of a GOAL scholarship to attend our school, here are the steps you need to take:

1. Learn about our school so you can make a wise decision about whether it would be the type of education that you want for your child. We encourage you to visit our website.
2. Call the school and make an appointment to be given a tour of the school or attend one of our open house presentations.
3. If you would like for your child to attend our school, fill out both an application for enrollment and a financial aid application.
4. The school will take you through the normal enrollment process and notify you regarding acceptance for your student and approval for your scholarship request.

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**Please join the thousands of Georgia taxpayers who are choosing to redirect their state income taxes so that deserving children can enjoy Greater Opportunities for Access to Learning, or GOAL!**

