

FAQs:

What is the Tuition Tax Credit Scholarship Program?

HB 1133 was passed into law in the summer of 2008, creating an opportunity for Georgia tax payers to redirect some or all of their state tax obligation to benefit eligible students coming to private schools from public schools in Georgia or beginning pre-K students.

How can this tax credit benefit me and students coming to Athens Academy?

Under this law, individuals and corporations can redirect a portion of their Georgia income tax liability to provide financial aid to incoming Athens Academy students that are currently enrolled in a public school in Georgia or are incoming pre-K students. Individuals will receive a dollar-for-dollar credit against their state tax liability. Additionally, the redirection of funds can be utilized as a charitable contribution for deduction on the federal return. While the individual and corporate redirections are committed to Athens Academy, they may not be directed for specific students.

How can I redirect my tax dollars?

To redirect your tax dollars to Athens Academy, please download forms [from our website](#) or contact our Georgia Tuition Tax Credit coordinator, Mary Catherine Jernigan, at (706) 549-9225 or mjernigan@athensacademy.org. Mrs. Jernigan will be able to help you submit your information and answer any questions.

Who is eligible to apply for financial aid using these funds?

Students who are coming to Athens Academy from a Georgia public school at any grade or students entering Athens Academy in K3, K4 or Pre-first. As always, any financial aid-related questions should continue to be directed to the Business Office.

How can this tax credit benefit Athens Academy?

Under this law, redirected funds provide financial assistance to incoming Athens Academy students who are currently enrolled in a Georgia public school or beginning pre-K students.

How do I participate?

To participate, individuals and corporations must complete the necessary forms and submit them to Apogee 's Georgia School Choice Scholarship Fund. You can find all the information you need to apply for this tax credit on the Athens Academy website, where you can also download the needed forms to begin the process.

What is the deadline for making contributions that qualify for the tax credit?

In order participate in 2011, individuals and corporations have until December 1, 2011 to complete the necessary forms with Apogee and submit contributions.

Can I participate if I e-file?

You can now e-file if you participate in the Georgia Private School Tax Credit program. Apogee's letter of confirmation is no longer required to be attached to the return if the return is e-filed; however, taxpayers must make it available if later requested by the Commissioner (for instance, if the return is selected for audit).

Can I participate as a corporate donor?

C-Corporations can redirect up to 75% of their state income tax liability. An option to have the scholarship in the corporation's name is also available.