

# What Is Louisiana's Tuition Donation Credit Program?

A simple overview of how Louisiana taxpayers can support scholarships through School Tuition Organizations (STOs)

## 1 What is the program?



Louisiana's program allows taxpayers to donate to a certified School Tuition Organization (STO).



The STO uses the donation to fund scholarships for qualified students attending qualified schools.

## 2 Does the program give a tax credit?



Yes.

**Up to 95%**  
Louisiana state  
income tax credit



The credit is nonrefundable.



If unused, it may generally be carried forward for up to 3 years.

## 3 How the program works



Donate to a  
certified Louisiana STO



STO funds student  
scholarships



Louisiana Department  
of Education verifies the  
donation and issues a  
receipt through the STO



Donor claims the credit  
on the Louisiana  
tax return

## 4 Who can donate?



Taxpayers required to file a  
Louisiana income tax return



Donations must go to  
a participating STO



Donations should be  
monetary contributions

## 5 What happens to the money?

**95%**



At least 95%  
goes to scholarships

**5%**



Up to 5% may be used  
for administrative or  
promotional costs



Scholarships help  
qualified students  
attend qualified  
schools

## 6 Important things to know



The credit is based  
on the amount of  
the donation used  
for scholarships



The donor generally  
cannot earmark the  
donation for a specific  
student or school



Keep the receipt  
and tax records



Tax results depend  
on your personal  
situation

### Simple takeaway



Donation to  
Louisiana STO



Scholarship  
funding



Louisiana  
tax credit



Support for  
student  
opportunity