



Scholarship Granting Organization - Update

Until the Commonwealth of Kentucky opts into the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit program nothing is for certain. Accordingly, all parties should treat the information as tentative and should periodically check back for updates.

When Kentucky opts into the Federal program, it will publish a listing of approved SGOs to which donors may contribute, schools may align with and students may apply for scholarships. In the interim, schools should access the impact of the Program on fundraising processes and enrollment

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As of this date, two well established national organizations have committed to being an SGO in Kentucky with the ability to cover the entire State. Two additional national SGOs, [ACE Scholarships](#) and the [Children's Scholarship Fund](#), are in the process finalizing their commitment. The impact of these commitments is significant as small rural schools and communities will now have access to the most efficient and technologically advanced systems. Large schools will also benefit from the advanced and school identity tailored systems without incurring the cost of development and maintenance of a single school system.

[SAGAMORE](#), an Indianapolis-based nonprofit and nonpartisan public policy organization, has administered Scholarships for School Choice in Indiana for more than a decade. Building on this experience, Sagamore is expanding its Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) services to the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky, enabling private schools to participate confidently and compliantly in the new Federal Scholarship Tax Credit Program.

Rather than taking on the significant administrative, legal, and compliance burdens of forming their own SGO, Kentucky schools can rely on Sagamore's proven systems, experienced team, and established infrastructure. Sagamore ensures full compliance with federal requirements, manages all reporting and receipting, and provides a streamlined, low-cost model—retaining only a small percentage of each donation and charging no additional fees to schools.

At the same time, Sagamore believes that **schools are their own strongest fundraisers**. Donors give because they believe in a school's mission and trust its leaders. While it may seem appealing to outsource fundraising to a third party, schools are far more successful when they are equipped to speak directly to their own supporters. Sagamore's model reinforces this strength by providing partner schools with an online portal, customized collateral materials, and practical fundraising training—empowering school leaders to be the authentic voice of their mission and to build long-term donor relationships.

Kentucky public and private schools interested in participating in the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit Program are invited to connect with [Sagamore](#), Contact [Laurel Vanden Berg](#) at 317-472-2052 to learn more about partnership opportunities.

[Children's Tuition Fund](#) – is a Colorado Springs based ministry of ACSI, which exists to advance and resource educational freedom for parents who desire a Christ-centered education for their children. CTF currently operates in five states but intends to operate nationally with Kentucky being of high interest because there are no other School Choice programs.

Although they intend to initially focus on their network of Christian schools they are ready to offer their services to secular school also. CTF fees are also covered by the Federal program. For more information contact [James Elliott](#) or [Shanda Adams](#).

Learn more and check references to evaluate if these organizations are a fit for your school.