

THE EDUCATION FREEDOM TAX CREDIT

Expanding School Choice for Maine Families



Not Yet Opted In

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for CHILDREN

185,394

students eligible for EFTC scholarships
(96.2% of Maine K-12 students)

194,554

taxpayers with enough tax liability to
claim the full \$1,700 credit
(27.4% of filers)

\$1,700

dollar-for-dollar federal tax credit for
donors, after the tax credit launches in
January 2027

HOW IT WORKS

1

MAKE A DONATION

Give to a qualified scholarship
granting organization (SGO).

2

SGO AWARDS A SCHOLARSHIP

Donations turn into
scholarships for students who
need them.

3

STUDENT RECEIVES A SCHOLARSHIP

For education expenses:
tuition, tutoring, technology,
and more.

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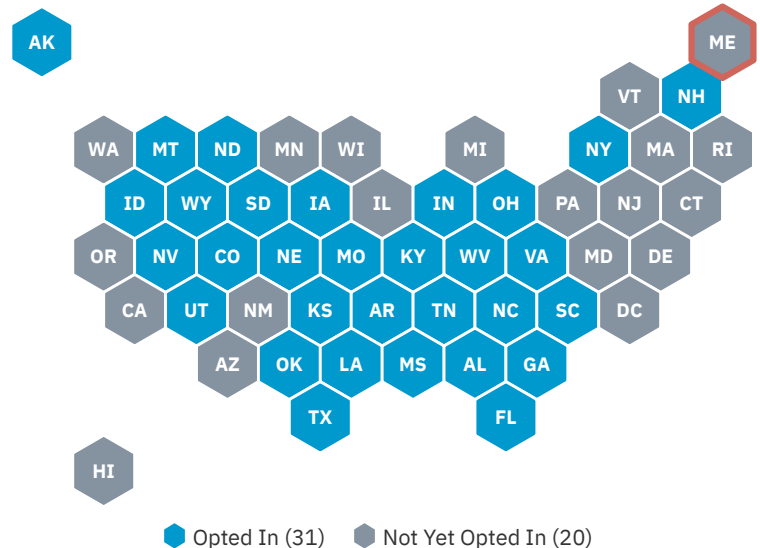
DONOR CLAIMS THE CREDIT

At filing, the donor claims the
dollar-for-dollar federal credit.

MAINE BY THE NUMBERS

- **185,394 Maine students are eligible** for EFTC scholarships.
- **Maine has not yet opted in.** Its 185,394 eligible students can receive scholarships only if the state opts in.
- **The EFTC builds on an existing option.** Maine families currently have a state private school choice program; the Education Freedom Tax Credit would layer on a new stream of scholarship support at no cost to the state budget.
- **Most families qualify.** The income limit is 300% of area median income, which averages about \$334,000 for a family of four in Maine.
- **Students in public, private, and charter schools are eligible**, in addition to homeschool students in Maine.

WHICH STATES HAVE OPTED IN



SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS FOR MAINE STUDENTS

If Maine taxpayers with \$1,700 of tax liability redirect the full credit to an SGO, the dollars add up fast:

\$33.1 million

in scholarships every year if **10%** of taxpayers with \$1,700
of tax liability participate

\$99.2 million

in scholarships every year if **30%** of taxpayers with \$1,700
of tax liability participate

Eligible-student estimates: AFC analysis of U.S. Census, HUD, ACS, and Household Pulse data. Taxpayer and scholarship-dollar estimates: Education Reform Now, based on Census/IRS 2022 data. Opt-in status: federal scholarships.com, as of July 2026.