

THE EDUCATION FREEDOM TAX CREDIT

Expanding School Choice for Montana Families



✓ Opted In

AFC
AMERICAN
FEDERATION
for CHILDREN

160,267

students eligible for EFTC scholarships
(86.4% of Montana K-12 students)

154,240

taxpayers with enough tax liability to
claim the full \$1,700 credit
(28% 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.

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STUDENT RECEIVES A SCHOLARSHIP

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

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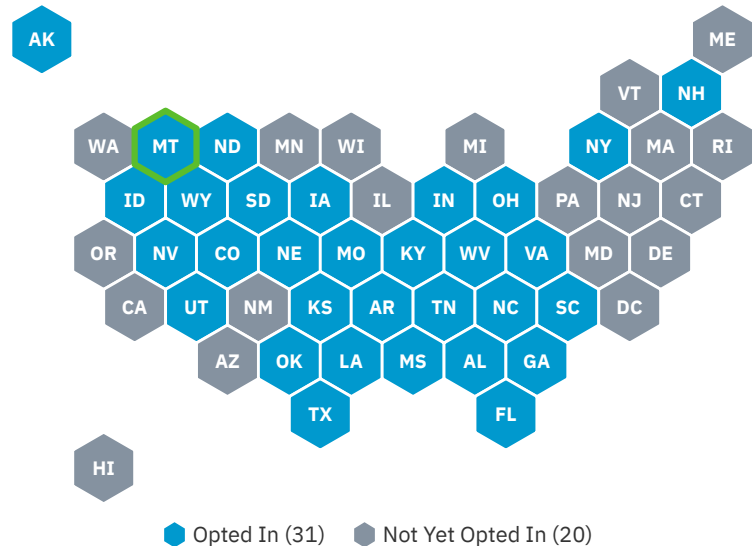
DONOR CLAIMS THE CREDIT

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

MONTANA BY THE NUMBERS

- **160,267 Montana students are eligible** for EFTC scholarships.
- **Montana has opted in.** Its 160,267 eligible students can receive scholarships after the tax credit launches.
- **The EFTC builds on existing options.** Montana families currently have state private school choice programs; the Education Freedom Tax Credit will 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 \$309,000 for a family of four in Montana.
- **Students in public, private, and charter schools are eligible.**

WHICH STATES HAVE OPTED IN



SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS FOR MONTANA STUDENTS

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

\$26.2 million

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

\$78.7 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: federalscholarships.com, as of July 2026.