

THE EDUCATION FREEDOM TAX CREDIT

Expanding School Choice for South Carolina Families



✓ Opted In

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AMERICAN
FEDERATION
for CHILDREN

782,521

students eligible for EFTC scholarships
(87.7% of South Carolina K-12
students)

639,324

taxpayers with enough tax liability to
claim the full \$1,700 credit
(25.8% 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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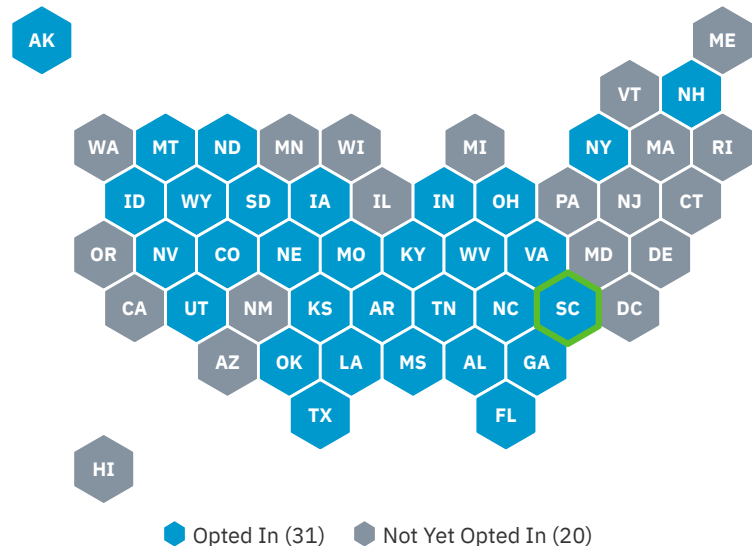
DONOR CLAIMS THE CREDIT

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

SOUTH CAROLINA BY THE NUMBERS

- **South Carolina has the 24th-largest eligible student population** in the country: 782,521 students.
- **South Carolina has opted in.** Its 782,521 eligible students can receive scholarships after the tax credit launches.
- **The EFTC builds on existing options.** South Carolina 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 \$290,000 for a family of four in South Carolina.
- **Students in public, private, and charter schools are eligible.**

WHICH STATES HAVE OPTED IN



Opted In (31) Not Yet Opted In (20)

SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENTS

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

\$108.7 million

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

\$326.1 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.