



Dear Pennsylvania business executive:

Your business can earn a 75%, 90%, or 100% tax credit against Pennsylvania taxes when you make a contribution to The Circle School's scholarship program. Through Pennsylvania's popular Educational Improvement Tax Credit program, The Circle School makes itself affordable for families from all economic strata.

Please consider making donations to The Circle School's EITC scholarship program, and recover up to 100% of your contributions in direct tax credits.

Because the EITC program is so popular, first-time participating businesses must submit an application to the state on the first business day of July to get the tax credit. The application is a simple online process. You can read about it on the website here: <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/educational-improvement-tax-credit-program-eitc/> or ask me for more information. Your accountant probably already knows about it.

Founded in 1984, The Circle School is nonprofit, tax-exempt, and independent, serving children from preschool through high school. Unlike most independent schools, The Circle School's families represent an income profile that matches the Central Pennsylvania region we serve. For example, 30% of our families have annual household income of less than \$35,000. Our families' median income, around \$52,000, matches that of our catchment area—and yours. Our graduates attend college and earn degrees at high rates.

The Circle School is an approved Scholarship Organization for Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit program (EITC), and also for the Opportunity Scholarship program (OSTC) and Pre-K program (PKTC). We favor EITC because it allows us to direct scholarships to the financially neediest families, but we welcome donations to all three programs. We award 100% of donated funds, rather than 85% as practiced by some Scholarship Organizations and allowed by law.

The Circle School admits students on a first-come, first-served, open admissions basis. Admissions are blind to financial need, and families pay only what our financial aid process determines they can afford. Each year the school grants more than \$400,000 in financial aid. The school depends heavily on the generosity of business and individual donors.

Please call me (717-564-6700) or email me (jim@CircleSchool.org) with your questions. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

James Rietmulder
Administrator