



The Way Christian School

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Additional Information:

For up-to-date information on the program, visit the Montana Department of Revenue's guide:

<https://revenue.mt.gov/publications/tax-credits-for-qualified-education-contribution-s-guide>

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Montana offers a tax credit called the **Student Scholarship Organization Tax Credit** for individuals, estates, trusts, and business taxpayers who make donations to fund scholarships for eligible educational organizations. This is not a refundable credit, but can be carried forward up to three years and is directly equal to the donation amount.

Example:

If Mr. and Mrs. Barney Taxpayer donate \$1,000 to The Way Christian School SSO, they'll receive a \$1,000 tax credit toward their Montana income tax bill. This tax credit is different from a tax deduction – while a deduction reduces the income subject to taxes, a tax credit directly lowers the amount of tax owed. For example, **a \$1,000 tax credit saves you the full \$1,000 on your owed tax bill.** Mrs. Taxpayer remarked, **"It's almost like we're choosing where some of our tax dollars go!"**

How to get the credit:

Here's a step-by-step guide to making a donation, getting the tax credit, and applying it to your state taxes.

1. **Consider Your Donation**

Decide on an amount you'd like to donate to The Way Christian School Student Scholarship Organization or another eligible SSO.

2. **Make the Donation**

Write a check to *The Way Christian School* (memo line: SSO) or other SSO eligible educational organization dated between **January 1st, and January 21st, 2026.**

3. **Complete Attached Document**

Provide information on the attached document and mail or return to the school (black drop box in the office) by January 21st with the donation check so they can process the donation for the tax credit.

4. **School Submits Your Information**

The school will submit your information through the Montana Education Donation Portal **on January 21st, 2026.**

5. **Receive Confirmation**

Once pre-approved, you'll get an email confirmation number and a tax credit receipt to attach to your tax return.

6. **Claim the Credit on Your 2026 Montana Tax Return**

Kindly include the following details along with your contribution.

Donation Form

Donor Information:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Last 4 Digits of SS# or FEIN # _____

Donation Details:

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Payment Method: ☐ Cash ☐ Check

Additional Information (optional):

Would you like to remain anonymous? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments/Message: _____