



Why Just Pay Your Taxes When You Can Pay Them *Forward* ?

Through the **Georgia Tax Credit Scholarship Program**, Arete Scholars is expanding access to great schools and transforming the lives of kids in need. Every \$5,000 tax credit donation funds a student for an entire school year. And with a 100%, dollar-for-dollar credit earned for a gift to Arete, it costs nothing to the donor. Never before has a person had the ability to leverage their tax dollars to have such a direct and profound impact on the life of a child in their community.

Since 2010, businesses, foundations, and people across Georgia have helped **Arete Scholars** award more than 15,000 K-12 scholarships nationally, worth over \$75 million. Through our programs, you can continue this great work by receiving a dollar-for-dollar tax credit and empower economically disadvantaged families to choose the best learning environment for their children.

Through private contributions from corporate and philanthropic partners, Arete empowers parents to place their children in schools that best suit their unique learning needs. Join our dedicated partners by investing in Arete today!



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HOW DOES IT WORK?

Georgia Tax Credit Scholarship Program allows you to donate your state income taxes to Arete Scholars. Arete awards scholarships to economically disadvantaged children to attend the K-12 schools of their dreams. In return for your donation, you receive a 100% tax credit. C-corporations may contribute up to 75% of their state income tax liability.

WHY DOES THE STATE DO THIS?

Low-income students historically underperform as a group, with lower graduation rates and fewer career options. Tax credit scholarships change the narrative by granting new opportunities, proven to help children succeed. By setting scholarship amounts lower than the state's per pupil cost, the program also saves the state significant money. Improved outcomes for students at a **lower cost for taxpayers** means everyone wins.

WHO ARE YOUR PARTNERS?

Businesses have generously supported our efforts. Some of our larger partners include **Augusta National Golf Club, Walgreens, Waste Management, Dollar General, Staples, Georgia Power, Gallagher, Gap, and Chick-fil-A.**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO DONATE?

Any corporation or individual that pays Georgia income tax is eligible for a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for qualified donations. A C-corporation may contribute up to 75% of its state income tax liability. Individual owners of S-corps, LLCs, and partnerships may contribute \$25,000 annually. Married joint filers may donate \$5,000 and individual filers up to \$2,500.

ARE THESE PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

No, there is no tuition cost at traditional public schools and charter schools. Arete partners with independent schools to provide an additional alternative for a quality education.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Complete the simple online tax-credit request form at aretescholars.org/donate – or we can do it for you – and then wait for approval from the Georgia Department of Revenue (usually within 15 days). Donations must be made within 60 days of approval, and a receipt is issued for your tax filing.



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