

## Fund BFA Scholars with Your Tax Dollars



**Did you know** you can invest in BFA students by directing a portion of your state tax liability to BFA through the <u>Apogee Scholarship Fund</u>? The need for financial support is more important than ever as the BFA community continues to navigate the lasting effects and stressors of the COVID-19 pandemic. BFA partners with the Apogee Scholarship Fund to offer a dollar-for-dollar tax credit that is directed to help fund need-based scholarships for deserving students.







Apogee Scholarship Fund is a state registered Student Scholarship Organization (SSO) as well as a 501c3 nonprofit whose primary function is to facilitate the process of distributing tax credits in exchange for donations. Georgia tax payers can make a tax credit contribution to Apogee and receive a dollar-for-dollar Georgia tax credit for their donation. Donors can direct their funds to specific schools to access the tax credit contribution monies for tuition scholarships through Apogee.



**BFA** uses these tax dollars to help fund the school's needbased scholarships to incoming students who are currently enrolled in public school. Support for this program makes a substantial impact on BFA's ability to educate students from all backgrounds. In 2020, BFA received \$52,810 in Apogee funding.



**Can** anyone participate? The Apogee Fund consists of \$100 million in tax credits provided by the state of Georgia for individuals, partnerships, trusts, and organizations who want to provide financial aid to students entering private school.

Apogee is now accepting application for the 2022 tax year, but there are still also credits available for 2021! For those interested in submitting for 2021, your tax dollars will come to BFA in this academic year.

## How Can I Enroll?

**<u>Step 1</u>**: Click <u>HERE</u> or go to Apogee123.org to get the process started.

<u>Step 2</u>: Complete a short application and designate your donation to **Ben Franklin Academy.** The submission form will also allow you to select the participation year—2021 or 2022.

**<u>Step 3</u>**: Be on the lookout for payment information directly from Apogee. You will receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for your donation!



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