TRINITY ACADEMY SOUTH BEND

The Gateway Scholarship

FAQ & Tax Credit Examples

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1. What is The Gateway Scholarship?

Trinity Academy's **need-based aid** fund administered through Indiana's **SGO** program. This scholarship "opens the gates" to a Trinity education for students facing financial hardship.

2. What is an SGO?

A **Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)** is a certified nonprofit that distributes private donations as scholarships to eligible students. Donors receive a **dollar-for-dollar Indiana state tax credit for 50% of the gift amount**. Trinity Academy utilizes *Scholarships for Education Choice by Sagamore Institute* as our SGO.

3. Who benefits from The Gateway Scholarship?

Nearly 70% of Trinity families receive aid—your gift directly supports students whose Trinity education would not be possible without it.

4. How can I make a gift?

Gifts to The Gateway Scholarship for **Trinity Academy** can be made via:

- **Cash** (or Debit/Credit Card) online here.
- **Check** (see instructions here).
- **Stock** or non-cash assets (see instructions here).

5. Tax Benefit — Cash Donation Example

You donate $10,000 in cash:

- Indiana income tax credit: $5,000 (50% of the $10,000 gift)

- Federal tax savings: $1,850 ($10,000 minus the $5,000 state credit, times the 37% top bracket, itemizing deductions)
- **Total tax savings: $6,850**

  A $10,000 gift to The Gateway Scholarship would cost only $3,150!

6. Tax Benefit — Appreciated Stock Example

You donate $10,000 in stock with a cost basis of $3,000:

- Indiana income tax credit: $5,000 (50% of the $10,000 gift)
- Long-term capital gains savings: $1,666 ($7,000 of unrealized gains × 23.8%, including the Net Investment Income Tax)
- Federal tax savings: $1,850 ($10,000 minus the $5,000 state credit, times the 37% top bracket, itemizing deductions)
- **Total tax savings: $8,516**

  A $10,000 gift to The Gateway Scholarship would cost only $1,484!

  These examples are for illustrative purposes only and do not constitute tax advice. Please consult a qualified tax professional to understand how this credit may apply to your specific situation.