

## ACSI CTF Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *What is the ACSI CTF?*

A: Sponsored and coordinated by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), the Children's Tuition Fund (CTF) of Pennsylvania is a scholarship program that provides tuition assistance for families with low to moderate incomes.

Q: *Where do the scholarship dollars come from?*

A: The ACSI CTF scholarship fund consists of both private and government contributions, including

tax credit contributions from Pennsylvania-based corporations and businesses (EITC legislation of 2001 and the PKTC legislation of 2004).

Q: *What are the EITC and PKTC legislations?*

A: The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) legislation of 2001 and the Pre-Kindergarten Tax Credit (PKTC) legislation of 2004 established tax credits for Pennsylvania-based corporations and businesses that make contributions to approved scholarship organizations or educational improvement organizations. These tax credits are awarded to corporations or businesses that pay any one of the following taxes: capital stock and franchise tax, corporate net income tax, bank and trust company shares tax, title insurance company shares tax, title insurance premium tax, and mutual thrift institution tax.

Q: *How can the ACSI CTF benefit my school?*

A: Qualifying ACSI member schools and families that qualify can receive scholarship monies for their students enrolled in pre-kindergarten or grades K–12 programs.

Q: *What are the eligibility requirements for schools?*

A: ▪ ACSI member in good standing

▪ Engaged in a formal school improvement plan (*for participating K–12 program only*)

▪ Compliance with the ACSI CTF guidelines

▪ Exclusive use of the ACSI CTF as the identified scholarship-granting organization

Q: *What are the eligibility requirements for participating families?*

A: For general scholarships awarded by the ACSI CTF office, families are required to meet the guidelines established by the Federal Free Lunch Program (see ACSI CTF Guidelines).

For designated scholarships awarded by the schools that have received designated tax credit contributions from businesses, participating families are required to meet the guidelines established by the State of Pennsylvania—family income not to exceed the \$50,000 plus \$10,000 per dependent child. (Example: For a family with two children, the maximum income allowed to participate in this program would be \$70,000.)

Q: *Can a school be proactive in seeking designated tax credit contributions?*

A: Yes! Schools are greatly encouraged to make contacts with corporations and businesses that pay

any one of the aforementioned taxes and to ask the business to **designate** its contribution to the school, while using the ACSI CTF as its scholarship organization.

Q: *Whom do I contact with questions?*

A: Contact Paula Frey at the ACSI Mid-Atlantic Regional Office at 717.285.3022 or <paula\_frey@acsi.org>.