

Turn Your Tax Dollars into Gesher Scholarships - At NO cost to you!

The new federal scholarship tax credit, starting January 2027

Up to

\$1,700

per person

\$3,400

per married couple
filing jointly

Anyone can give. Everyone benefits.

Starting January 1, 2027, a cash gift to an approved Virginia scholarship granting organization (SGO) comes back to you as a dollar-for-dollar federal tax credit, so it costs you nothing in the end. You don't need to have a student at Gesher!

How it works

1 Give

Donate cash to Gesher's SGO starting in January 2027, up to \$1,700 per person.

2 Claim

Claim a dollar-for-dollar federal credit on your return for that year.

3 Award

The SGO awards scholarships to eligible Gesher students.

4 Thrive

More families can say yes to a Jewish Education at Gesher.

What is a scholarship granting organization?

An SGO is a nonprofit that collects donations and awards scholarships to eligible students at participating schools. Gesher will have an SGO in place for 2027, so every gift helps more families afford a Jewish education at Gesher.

Good to know for taxpayers

- Gifts must be cash, check, or credit card. Donor advised funds and stocks do not qualify.
- The credit cannot exceed the federal tax you owe. Unused credit carries forward up to five years.
- Couples filing jointly can claim up to \$3,400, if each spouse gives \$1,700.
- Gifts can be earmarked to Gesher, but not for a specific student.

For Gesher families

- Scholarships may help with tuition and other qualified education costs.
- Households earning up to \$483,000 may qualify (300% of our area's median income). Eligibility does not guarantee an award.
- The first scholarships could be awarded for the 2027-2028 school year.
- Apply for Gesher Tuition Assistance to qualify to use scholarship grant money. Applications are due January 31, 2027.



Ready to help? Gesher's SGO opens for gifts in January 2027. Contact the Gesher Development Office to learn more.

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