



# CLAIM FREE MONEY FROM THE STATE OF OHIO TO BENEFIT ST. MARY SCHOOL

## WHY DOES YOUR PARTICIPATION MATTER?

“There’s a reason the Angel Scholarship Fund is such a priority here at St. Mary and why we continue to work so hard to increase participation from our parish and school community. The impacts are too profound to overlook for our students, families, and teachers.”

– Fr. Scott Goodfellow, Pastor



## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The state of Ohio allows taxpayers to make a no net cost contribution to the ASF and claim a dollar-for-dollar “Scholarship Donation” tax credit. This tax credit refunds the money you contribute up to \$750 for individuals and \$1,500 for married couples filing jointly.



**Make a contribution to the ASF and designate St. Mary School**  
*up to \$750 per individual or \$1,500 for couples filing jointly*



**Get your ASF \$\$\$ back via your tax refund**  
*when you claim your Ohio Scholarship Tax Credit*



**Directly impact St. Mary School students and teachers**  
*by lowering out-of-pocket tuition and increasing teacher compensation*

## THIS SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

It’s not!!! Last year, more than 10,000 households across the Diocese of Cleveland (including hundreds of parishioners and school families at St. Mary) took advantage of this no net cost opportunity to designate more than \$20 million dollars of their taxes to benefit Catholic schools of their choice.

## IMPACTS BEYOND LOWERING COST OF TUITION?

While the ASF provides scholarships for students, its impacts indirectly reach far beyond, including:

- Increase teacher compensation
- Invest in school facilities to prioritize health and safety
- Achieve long term financial sustainability

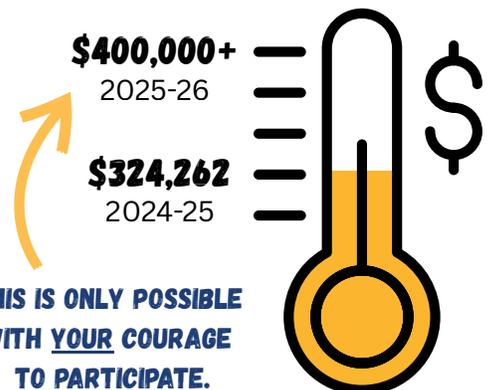
## WHAT’S THE GOAL?

This requires the collective participation of our St. Mary parish and school community.

**\$400,000+**  
2025-26

**\$324,262**  
2024-25

**THIS IS ONLY POSSIBLE WITH YOUR COURAGE TO PARTICIPATE.**



## DOES IT WORK?

“Yes! Taking advantage of the Angel Scholarship Fund tax credit was quick and easy.. Best of all, it worked exactly as advertised, and we received the full tax credit back. Don’t miss out on contributing up to \$1,500 of free money that directly supports Catholic education right here at St. Mary’ School. It’s a true win-win!

– Joe and Lisa Tomsick

## WHERE SHOULD I START?

Locate line 8c (Income tax liability before credits) on your 2024 Ohio IT 1040 Individual Income Tax Return. If the total on line 8c is more than \$750 (individual) or \$1,500 (married filing jointly), you may contribute the full amount to the Angel Scholarship Fund and claim the full tax credit to increase your annual state refund.

**NOTE: RECEIVING AN ANNUAL REFUND DOES NOT MEAN YOU DO NOT OWE TAXES. IT MEANS YOU ANNUALLY WITHHOLD MORE THAN YOU OWE.**

2024 Ohio IT 1040 Individual Income Tax Return

SSN: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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7a. Amount from line 7 on page 1 ..... 7a. 9 8 9 2 4

8a. Nonbusiness income tax liability on line 7a (see instructions for tax tables).....8a. 2 4 6 1

8b. Business income tax liability – Ohio Schedule of Business Income, line 16 (include schedule) .....8b. 0

8c. Income tax liability before credits (line 8a plus line 8b) .....8c. 2 4 6 1

## HOW DO I GET MY MONEY BACK?

Watch your annual refund increase dollar-for-dollar, right before your eyes, when you claim the “Scholarship Donation” tax credit on Line 15 of your Ohio state income taxes.

Ohio Department of Taxation 2025 Ohio Schedule of Credits

Use only black ink. Use whole dollars only.

Primary taxpayer's SSN: [redacted]

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15. Scholarship donation credit (include copies of all required documentation) .....15. [redacted]

38. Total nonrefundable credits (add lines 10, 34, 36, and 37; enter here and on Ohio IT 1040 line 9).....38. [redacted]

## NO NET COST???

Yes! After you make your contribution to the ASF, your money gets refunded to you via the “Scholarship Donation” tax credit - increasing your annual refund by the amount of your contribution.

## HOW DO I MAKE A CONTRIBUTION?

Visit [stmarychardon.org/asf](http://stmarychardon.org/asf) or Google “Angel Scholarship Fund” to be directed to the Catholic Community Foundation website. Contribute with your credit card to earn reward points! Be sure to select “St. Mary School -Chardon” when asked to “Designate a School” from the drop down menu.

## WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact Frank Rihtar at [frihtar@stmaryschoolchardon.org](mailto:frihtar@stmaryschoolchardon.org) or 440-286-3590 x104. Our team of tax professionals is ready to assist you every step of the way.

## WHEN IS THE DEADLINE?

Be sure to make your ASF contribution before filing your taxes and before April 15, 2026 to claim the tax credit for 2025.



**THIS IS TOO IMPORTANT TO PASS UP. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO EXPLORE THIS OPPORTUNITY.**

NOTE: This does not constitute legal or tax advice. Please contact a tax preparer with specific questions related to your ASF contribution.