What does it take for her to thrive?

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VIRGINIA'S EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDITS MAKE HELPING DESERVING CHILDREN EVEN MORE REWARDING.

hanks to Virginia's Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits (EISTC) program, donations to approved foundations will provide scholarships for students from lowincome families at non-public schools. Individual or business donors then receive a 65% tax credit.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond's McMahon Parater Scholarship Foundation is approved by the Virginia Department of Education to receive donations under this program. The Foundation distributes scholarships to qualifying students who attend one of the 30 Catholic schools in the Diocese.

Receive a Virginia tax credit equal to

of your eligible contribution

MINIMIM DONATION FOR **INDIVIDUALS** 

MAX. ANNUAL DONATION FOR INDIVIDUALS & MARRIED COUPLES MAXIMUM **DONATION** FOR BUSINESSES

\$500 \$125k None

#### SAVE ON STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES

In addition to a 65% state tax credit, individuals and businesses may also receive a deduction for a charitable contribution, and therefore achieve tax savings in two ways:



- 1. Deductions against taxable income as a charitable donation on both federal and state income taxes.
  - ♦ The tax reduction equals 35% of the contribution amount times the tax rate of the applicable tax (federal or state)
  - Subject to rules governing deductibility of charitable contributions
- 2. Credit against Virginia taxes.
  - ◆ Tax reduction equals 65% of the amount of the donation
  - Credit is non-transferable

#### BUSINESSES CAN CLAIM THE EISTC AGAINST:

Virginia Corporate Income Taxes

Virginia Bank Franchise Tax

Virginia Insurance Premiums License Tax

Virginia Public Service Corporations Tax

Personal Income Taxes via pass-through entities such as S-Corporations, LLCs and Partnerships.

The amount of the Tax Credits may not exceed the donor's tax liability for the year in which the credit is claimed, but Tax Credits may be carried over for up to five succeeding years.



#### **PROCESS**

# To take advantage of EISTC, follow these simple steps:

Obtain a blank Letter
of Intent from the
McMahon Parater
Scholarship Foundation
(MPSF) or the Catholic
school of your choice.

Also, obtain the Virginia Department of Education Preauthorization Form from MPSF or the Catholic school of your choice. Send the completed
Letter of Intent and
Preauthorization
Form to MPSF,
who will submit your
Preauthorization Form by secure
electronic dropbox to the VA
DOE for approval of your Tax

Within 48 hours, MPSF wil send your Approval Letter indicating your tax credits have been reserved for 180 days.

Return the Signed
Approval Letter with
your check or securities
transfer information to
MPSF within 180 days of
your approval date.

(Preauthorizations become void after 180 days). Make checks payable to the McMahon Parater Scholarship Foundation.

## After you have made your donation...

Credits.

#### Within 40 days of receiving your gift, MPSF will:

- Send you an acknowledgment of receipt of your gift
- ✓ Send the DOE a notice that your gift payment has been received
- ✓ Notify the designated school(s) that your gift has been received.

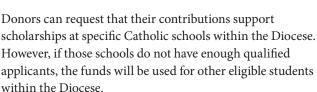
#### Within 30 days, the DOE will issue your Tax Credit Certificate.

- The Tax Credit Certificate must be attached to the tax return in which the credits are being claimed.
- Tax credits may be claimed for the taxable year of the donation, and for up to five successive years.

#### **RULES & RESTRICTIONS**

### How is the money used?

Donations to the McMahon Parater Scholarship Foundation under this program provide scholarships to Catholic schools in the Diocese of Richmond.



Donors may not direct their funds to support a specific student.

Donors' direct contributions to schools for other purposes or other scholarships do not qualify for Tax Credits under this program. Only gifts given to the Foundation which have been preauthorized by the DOE specifically for this program are eligible for these Tax Credits.

#### ELIGIBILITY

#### Who benefits?

Children receiving these scholarships must come from families whose annual household income is less than 300% of the current poverty guidelines.



For children with disabilities and a current Individualized Education Program, (I.E.P.), the family's household income must be no more than 400% of the current poverty guidelines.

## IN ADDITION, THE CHILDREN MUST BE RESIDENTS OF VIRGINIA, AND FIT <u>ONE</u> OF THESE CRITERIA:

- ✓ Eligible to enter kindergarten or first grade
- Attended a Commonwealth public school for at least half of the current or prior school year
- ✓ Were not Virginia residents during the preceding school year
- Were prior recipients of a scholarship under this program

#### ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

## By statute, at least 90% of your donation must be used to provide scholarships.

The McMahon Parater Scholarship Foundation distributes 91.1% of each donation in scholarships. Every effort will be made to minimize the administrative costs, in order to provide the maximum in scholarship support.

Don't miss this opportunity. Enroll today.

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