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As I mentioned in my Family Update radio commentary this week, a remarkable new opportunity for school choice is coming, but if Governor Josh Shapiro doesn't do the right thing, Pennsylvania's children will be left out. Here's what's happening:

Beginning January 1, a new federal program signed into law will give taxpayers a federal tax credit of up to \$1,700 when they donate to qualifying Scholarship Granting Organizations. Donate \$1,700 to a scholarship organization, and get \$1,700 off your federal tax bill. It's a wonderful way to advance school choice and help families.

Those private donations can provide scholarships for eligible K-12 students, including help with tuition, tutoring, educational technology, special-needs services, and other educational expenses.

But here's the problem: **Pennsylvania's children will not benefit under this new program unless Governor Josh Shapiro opts Pennsylvania in.**

So far, he hasn't.

The IRS's latest list shows 30 states have already elected to participate, including neighboring New York, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia. **Pennsylvania is conspicuously absent.** This isn't a partisan issue. Democrat governors in Colorado, Kansas, and North Carolina have already opted their states in. Why shouldn't Pennsylvania families have the same opportunity?

Bottom line: Beginning in 2027, Pennsylvania taxpayers will be eligible to receive this wonderful new federal school-choice tax credit, but – unless Governor Shapiro opts in – their contributions will not help a single Pennsylvania student under the program.

The crazy part is that it costs Pennsylvania nothing to opt in. The scholarships are funded through private donations, not Pennsylvania's education budget.

Recent polling found 78 percent support the \$1,700 tax credit, while 77 percent said knowing it costs the state nothing made them even more likely to support it. **That support crosses party lines, with 80 percent of Democrats, 76 percent of Republicans, and 74 percent of independents supporting the tax credit.**

Governor Shapiro has said he supports giving children more educational opportunities. He should prove it by opting Pennsylvania in. Pennsylvania should not sit on the sidelines while families and students in other states benefit.

Please contact Governor Shapiro today and [ask him to make sure Pennsylvania families aren't left behind.](#)

[Click Here to Contact Governor Shapiro!](#)

For Faith, Family, and Freedom,



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P.S. Fox & Friends Weekend co-host Rachel Campos-Duffy is a strong advocate for school choice, and she'll be our keynote speaker at the Friends of the Family Banquet in Hershey on October 10. Table sponsorships are now available—[reserve yours today!](#) Go to <https://pafamily.org/banquet> to learn more.

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