

EITC Business Application Reminder

Business applications made to the Department of Community and Economic Development for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program are processed on a first come first serve basis by the day.

- Applications for businesses entering their second year of a two year commitment will be able to apply for tax credits beginning May 15, 2010.
- Applications for businesses in their first year of a two year commitment or applying for PK tax credits will be able to apply beginning July 1, 2010.

- Businesses using the pass through credits will be able to apply beginning July 8, 2010.

The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA will be hand delivering first year applications to the state on July 1. If you would like your business application hand delivered please call or submit your application before June 29, 2010 to:

CSF of PA
PO Box 855
Clarion, PA 16214

Act 4 of 2001 & ACT 48 of 2003 of the Education Improvement Tax Credit Program

\$6,400,000 set aside for Pre Kindergarten Scholarships

- ◆ Businesses will receive a 100% credit for the first \$10,000, and up to a 90% credit on the remaining amount of the contribution.
- ◆ Requires only a 1 year commitment!
- ◆ Businesses can apply for up to a \$150,000 in credits.
- ◆ The school must be within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

\$38 Million set aside for K through 12 Scholarships

- ◆ \$15.6 Million to Educational Improvement Organizations .
- ◆ Businesses can increase their Credit to \$300,000 per fiscal year for the K through 12 program.
- ◆ 1 or 2 year commitment.
- ◆ The school must be within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



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The Children's Scholarship Fund of Pennsylvania

CSF of PA Awards over \$1 Million in Scholarships For the 2009-2010 School Year

Thanks to our many contributors and The Educational Improvement Tax Credit program, The Children's Scholarship Fund of Pennsylvania has completed another successful year.

In 2009 -2010 CSF of PA awarded 775 scholarships to students in PK through 12th grade. These scholarships were awarded to qualifying students attending 35 schools in 13 counties throughout Western and Central Pennsylvania

totaling over 1 million dollars.

The Children's Scholarship Fund of Pennsylvania has been successfully bringing businesses and schools together with one common goal; to provide families of need the opportunity of having a choice in educating their children. Since our inception in 1998 we have raised over 6.3 Million dollars and awarded over 95% of EITC dollars raised in scholarships.

EITC Program Facing Additional Budget Cuts in 2010

We Need Your Help!

Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program was cut by \$15 million in the 2009 state budget, taking it from \$75 million to \$60 million. There is talk of an additional \$10 million cut to this program in 2010.

Limiting the available tax credit dollars for businesses will limit the amount of scholarship dollars available for students across Pennsylvania through scholarship organizations such as The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA.

Over 40,000 children have been awarded scholarships through this program who otherwise would not have been able to afford private education. The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA would like to continue to help students and families to have a choice in education.

CONTACT your legislator and be heard in support of the EITC program. It's simple. Go to www.operationrestorepa.org. Once you are on the site:

1. Choose "Contact Your Legislator"
2. Type in your street address & zip code then click Next, the names of your legislators display.
3. Choose the names of those you wish to submit a letter & then click Next.
4. Choose one of the form letters available or create your own letter. Fill in your information at the bottom of the page and click Next.
5. Here you may edit your letter. Once you are satisfied, click the Send button to finish.



Business Highlights

Building Good Community Relations NorthWest Savings Bank utilizes Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit program (EITC) and The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA to redirect their tax dollars to help families in the Clarion area.

Pictured from left: Casey O'Toole, Mgr-NW Savings Bank-Clarion office, Fred Port, VP of Commercial Lending, NW Savings Bank-Clarion office, Milissa Bauer, Co-Chairperson-CSF of PA, Cindy Nave, Coordinator-CSF of PA, Terri Corbett, Director-CSF of PA, Al Lander, Co-Chairperson-CSF of PA, Donna Gaydash, Principal, Immaculate Conception School, Clarion.



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Calvary Christian Academy (CCA) was founded in 1981 and is a ministry of Calvary Independent Baptist Church of Huntingdon, PA. Mr. Timothy Jones is the principal and has been with the school for two years. He brought with him many years of experience in the field of Christian education.

The current enrollment at CCA is 103 students with 6 full-time and 7 part-time teachers on staff for grades K through 12. There are two kindergarten classes and grades 1-6 are multi-grade classrooms with each grade being taught on grade level for subjects such as math, spelling, reading and grammar. Elementary science and history classes are taught on a rotating basis where two grades sharing the same classroom would be taught one level the first year and the second level the following year. On the high school level, there may be more than one grade in the same class depending on the individual student's schedule.

Calvary Christian Academy is known for its music and fine arts programs. In addition to regular music classes and choir, private lessons are offered. Spanish I, II and III are also offered. Students have access to the school library, science and technology labs and a new gymnasium which was built in 2004.

Students participate in state-wide fine arts competitions and programs on the junior high and senior high levels through the Keystone Christian Education Association. These opportunities include fine arts competitions for individuals and groups, auditioning for an all-state choir that sings at the Capitol Rotunda in Harrisburg, and an all-state band festival.

Extracurricular activities include boys and girls soccer and basketball.

CCA is operated to assist local parents in the training of their children. They are committed to superior academics,

Christ-honoring arts and character building athletics. They expect students to possess self-respect, self-discipline, high morals, good habits and a love for God and country. Calvary Christian Academy believes that God has a prepared place for every prepared person. They endeavor to train students for many future academic and vocational choices through a traditional college prep curriculum. Each student takes courses not only in the three "R's" but also in literature, fine arts, computer, the sciences and social studies. This makes CCA's program more challenging for the average student."

Holly Teeters, Scholarship Coordinator for CCA, added this about The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA and the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program; "Without scholarship assistance provided through the EITC program and The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA some of our families would find it extremely difficult to keep their children enrolled in our school. Many parents want their children here, but just can't afford it. This program is making **school choice** a reality for families that could otherwise not afford it. We would like to see the EITC program expanded so that even more needy Pennsylvania families can receive assistance to send their children not only to our school, but also to other quality private schools all across Pennsylvania. We are hopeful that other businesses will realize that they too can make a difference in the lives of local students just by designating a portion of their tax dollars to the EITC program through The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA. There are other families within the community who desire to have their children in our school, but just can't afford it. Additional business donors could make their dream a reality."



CCA members of the All-State Choir



CCA student participating in of the All-State Band Festival



School Spirit Week

An environment where spiritual growth can be stretched and nurtured



CCA Boys Basketball



Before the day begins



CCA Girls Soccer

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