

EITC Business Applications for 2012

When to apply for tax credits in 2012:

- ◆ A business entering the second year of a two year commitment can apply to the DCED beginning May 15
- ◆ New businesses or businesses in the first year of a one or two year commitment may apply beginning July 1
- ◆ Businesses that will be applying for tax credits under the PIT option can apply beginning July 8

Please remember that all applications are processed by the DCED on a first-come first-serve basis by the day. We highly recommend that applications be submitted on the first day of acceptance or shortly thereafter. As a courtesy, The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA will again be hand delivering first year applications on the morning of July 1st. Please contact our office in advance if you would like us to deliver your application.

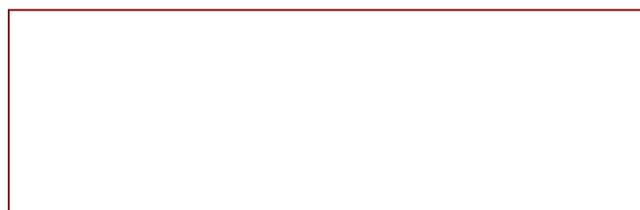
Act 4 of 2001 & ACT 48 of 2003 of the Education Improvement Tax Credit Program

\$8,000,000 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.
- ◆ Receiving school must be within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

\$44.6 Million set aside for K through 12 Scholarships

- ◆ Businesses can receive credit up to \$300,000 per fiscal year for the K through 12 program.
- ◆ 1 or 2 year commitment.
- ◆ Receiving school must be within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



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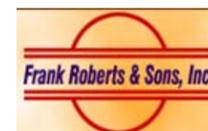
The Children's Scholarship Fund of Pennsylvania

CSF of PA Reminder

Scholarship Application **Deadline** for 2012-2013 **has been Changed**

The application deadline for the 2012-2013 school year has been changed from September 30th to **August 31st, 2012**. The scholarship application is available on-line at www.csfofpa.org. Families will have seven months to complete the application process prior to the deadline. All complete signed applications along with the required documentation and fee must be

received in our office by the deadline. We encourage families to apply on-line at www.csfofpa.org. Applying on-line allows families to complete the application, upload documentation and pay through their PayPal account or by credit card. The on-line process allows information to be received in our office the same day of application.



Business Highlight

Frank Roberts & Sons, Inc. Supports SS Cosmas & Damian School through the EITC Program

Frank Roberts & Sons, Inc. located in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania is a private family business serving the hardware, mine, farm, garden, gas, oil & water, and construction industries.

Established in 1927 and incorporated in 1959 in Pennsylvania. It employs a staff of approximately 35. They are a leading manufacturer of silt fence and sediment filter pump bags.

They are wholesale suppliers of geotextiles, erosion control products, pit & pond liners, drainage products, building materials, hardware, masonry products, general construction products, as well as industrial and safety products.

There has been a long standing bond between the Roberts family and SS Cosmas & Damian community. The first of the Roberts family attended SSCD school in 1947 and there has been a member of the Roberts family in attendance at the school every year since.

Accompanied by brother Ralph, who is now deceased, Fred and Bill Sr. have been leading the company since the retirement of their parents, Frank and Jennie Roberts – the founders of the company. The generations following Ralph, Bill Sr., and Fred are now leading the company.



Bill Roberts Sr., Secretary for Frank Roberts & Sons, Inc., Terri Corbett, Director of CSF of PA, Ms. Jessica Newcome, SSCD Principal, Fred Roberts, Treasurer of Frank Roberts & Sons, Inc., Msgr. Joseph Riccardo, SSCD Pastor.

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School Highlight

SS Cosmas & Damian School

The gift of Catholic education in Punxsutawney finds its roots in the year 1892 and most assuredly can be traced to the zeal and determination of one man – Father Herman Clement Wienker, the “Pioneer Priest of Jefferson County.”

Having said the first Catholic Mass in Punxsutawney in 1870 at the home of William Gillespie, Father Wienker’s congregation grew. By 1885 a new brick church was constructed and dedicated. The influx of immigrant families from Europe necessitated the construction of a school. In January 1892 SS. Cosmas & Damian Parochial School officially opened with 116 pupils. The Sisters of Mercy from Titusville staffed the new brick school.

Yes times have indeed changed – schools have come and gone – many pastors have arrived and departed – and countless students have sat at small desks, beginning with inkwells and tablets, and now with laptops and digital technology. Although the physical structure of the SS. Cosmas & Damian School has remained very much the same, social, technological and environmental transformations have continued to allow it to remain connected to the community and offer an irreplaceable service to its students. The Sisters of Mercy no longer teach there; now dedicated laypersons have picked up the torch of knowledge and continue to pass on the light of faith to the next generation. Enrollment, as in any educational institution, parochial or public, has risen and fallen, but the resolve of the administration, faculty, parents and most assuredly the students of SS. Cosmas & Damian School has never been stronger to continue the good works begun by Father Wienker in 1892.

Jessica Newcome is in her first year as principal of SS. Cosmas & Damian. She believes SSCD School is special because it is faith-based. Working under the guidance of the pastor, Msgr. Joseph Riccardo, teachers encourage their students to look at the world from God’s perspective. As the school is small in nature, the students get a more personal education. She says the atmosphere feels more like being with family than being at work. The teachers and parents know one another well and all of the staff within the school are interacting and enhancing the lives of

the students on a daily basis. She is quoted as saying, “We work hard to treat one another with respect and equality”.

SS Cosmas & Damian has grades Pre-K through 8th and there are 1 part-time and 8 full-time teachers. There are 26 students enrolled in the Pre-K program and 79 students in grades K-8. Pre-K through fourth grades are self-contained classrooms. Fifth through eighth grades are multi-aged classrooms.

The school offers a full curriculum including art, music, gym, and computer classes. The school has a library, cafeteria, gymnasium, science, and technology labs which are utilized by all students.

The students at SSCD do many community oriented projects throughout the year. They donate to St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry and this year they raised \$2,300 for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. They sponsored a St. Jude’s Math-a-Thon and participated in Pennies for Patients, they make care packages at Christmas for foster children and this January they collected socks for a shelter and in February the children will be making valentines for Veterans.

At this time there are no permanent after school clubs or activities on a regular basis. Occasionally, SSCD will offer special activities after school such as learning to play chess or a school project.

When asked what her feelings are about The Children’s Scholarship Fund of Pennsylvania, Ms. Newcome had this to say; “EITC scholarships administered by The Children’s Scholarship Fund of Pennsylvania have allowed many of our families to meet their financial obligations without negatively impacting their family budget. Given the current economic conditions, many families are forced to choose between educational expenses and other family needs. EITC scholarships have lessened the financial hardship that many of our families would experience and have allowed families to choose a quality Catholic education for their children. We appreciate all of your hard work for the benefit of our school and students. We hope that, with the help of The Children’s Scholarship Fund of PA, we can continue to assist as many students as possible.”



Group cooking project with Fifth and Second Grades



Leah Miller grade 6, Bill Roberts of Roberts and Sons, Inc. Ryley Casaday 3rd grade, Msgr Joseph Riccardo, Pastor, Joseph Simmons 3rd grade, Fred Roberts of Roberts and Sons, Inc. Jessica Newcome, Principal and Nick Mancuso Grade 5



Second Grade



Mary McSteen, parishioner reading to Second Grade Class



Jezabel Frantz, gr. 3 with resident from Mulberry Square Elder Care Center.



Mrs. Kerri Preslold reading to her preschool class



Emily Griebel and Murphy White as the cantors

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