

CSF of PA Update

What's new in 2009

The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA is changing the application process for the 2009-2010 school year. We have streamlined the process making it easier for families to apply for scholarships. All that is necessary is to complete the simple CSF of PA application, provide required documentation, include fee and submit before the deadline.

Beginning this spring applicants for the 2009-2010 school year will be able to apply directly to

The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA on-line. For those who wish to apply via the mail, scholarship applications will be available to download from our web-site or for pick-up at your school office after March 15.

If you would like more information about The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA or participating in the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program please email our office at info@csfopa.org.

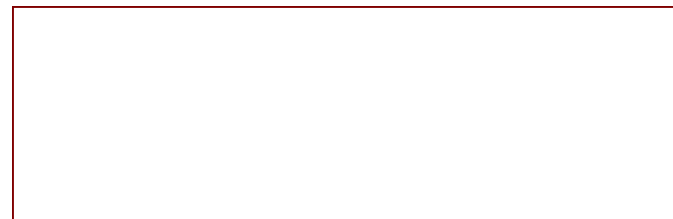
Act 4 of 2001 & ACT 48 of 2003 of the Education Improvement Tax Credit Program

\$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.
- ◆ The school must be within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

\$67 Million set aside for K through 12 Scholarships

- ◆ \$44.7 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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EITC Update:

The EITC program has expanded to include pass through entities such as partnerships, subchapter

S Corps, etc. To learn more about the EITC program and how your business can participate go to www.newpa.com.

As of Monday January 12, 2009 the following amounts were still available under the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program:

\$6.02 Million for K-12
\$100,000 for PK

Business Highlights:



Dave Straub of PGE, Al Lander & Milissa Bauer, Co-chairpersons of The Children's Scholarship Fund, Terri Corbett and Cindy Nave (CSF).

Pennsylvania General Energy is an oil and natural gas exploration and production company based in Warren, Pennsylvania. PGE's operating area includes the following counties in Pennsylvania; Bedford, Cameron, Clarion, Elk, Forest, Huntingdon, Indiana, McKean, Potter, Somerset and Warren, as well as Allegany & Steuben counties in the state of New York.

The company employs 70 full-time field workers in good paying jobs & maintains an office and professional staff of 45 people including: administrative assistants, accountants, computer technicians, geologists & engineers. Together with several local contracting companies this group of dedicated and talented people enables PGE to be a leading Pennsylvania producer of crude oil, which is refined by local refineries, and to produce millions of cubic feet of natural gas used to heat thousands of PA homes and power hundreds of PA industries.

Dave Straub, Vice President of Community Relations for PGE presented The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA with a check for \$100,000 utilizing the Education Improvement Tax Credit Program. PGE is in their second year of participating in the EITC program and has contributed \$230,000 to date. The money is distributed as scholarships to qualifying students throughout PGE's operating area.

Mr. Straub noted "PGE views the EITC program as an opportunity for our company to give back, in a very constructive way, to the communities that are so supportive of our business. A solid education is the key to success for our youth. The EITC program allows us, as a company, to be a partner in the building of that solid foundation." He also added; "The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA provides an excellent opportunity for PGE to have a significant and lasting positive impact on these communities."

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EITC Program

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Welcomes the following Pennsylvania schools:

Calvary Chapel Christian School, Russell
 Calvary Christian Academy, Huntingdon
 Christian Light School, North Apollo
 Elk County Catholic High School, St. Marys
 Hebron Center Christian Academy, Coudersport
 Huntingdon Christian Academy, Huntingdon

Living Word Christian School, Greenville
 St. Joseph School Warren
 St. Marys Catholic Elementary, St. Marys
 St. Marys Catholic Middle School, St. Marys
 St. Thomas the Apostle Elementary, Bedford
 Warren County Christian School, Youngsville

School Highlight



Seton Catholic School is a Roman Catholic school in the Erie Diocese offering education for elementary students in grades 1 through 5, middle school students grades 6 through 8, a fulltime kindergarten, and a preschool.

In 1972 St. Agatha's and St. Brigid's schools were combined to create Seton Catholic School in Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Regina P Merritt has been the principal at Seton Catholic for the past four years. There are 131 students in grades K-8 with 26 Preschoolers. Seton Catholic employs eleven full-time teachers, three part-time teachers and three part-time aides. In addition to the required curriculum, Seton offers, Spanish to grades 1-8, computer technology to students in grades K-8 and art, music and library to all students. Extra curricular activities include basketball, cheerleading, soccer and student council. Seton also offers instrumental music lessons and band for 4th through 8th grades.

Seton Catholic has recently added a new gymnasium and outdoor playground, electronic



white boards and computer upgrades for technology.

The school staff strives to provide high quality education by promoting academic excellence in a safe, secure, positive learning environment that is both supportive and nurturing. They strive to help their students develop a love of learning and high levels of confidence and self-esteem, in addition to personal, religious and civic responsibility, and self-discipline.

Seton's education offers each student opportunities to develop interpersonal and leadership skills whose practice will contribute to the Church, the whole of society, and the honor and glory of God.

The family atmosphere is what makes Seton Catholic special. Everyone involved strives to work together to inspire the minds of the students and instill values in them to be successful.

Seton School administration is quoted as saying "The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA is a great way to provide children with the opportunity of a Catholic education".



Pietro Damasceno & Jack Swick in the 5th grade bird sanctuary



Francesca & Maric Dasceno enjoying technology class



Seton's new playground



FROM SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL TO ALL THE BUSINESSES TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE EITC PROGRAM

The Children's Scholarship Fund of Pennsylvania

Would like to thank the following Businesses for their Generous Contributions

- ADD Energy
- Allegheny Toyota
- American Refining Group
- AMSCO
- Anderson Metal Industries, Inc.
- Armstrong Group of Companies
- Barr's Insurance
- BK RV
- Bronder Technical Services
- C & A Trees, LTD
- Car*Mate Trailers
- Carrier Insurance
- Charles Tool & Supply
- Clarion Animal Hospital
- Clarion Coach
- Clarion County Community Bank
- Clarion Fruit
- Commodore Homes
- Crooks Clothing, Co.
- DAVCOL, Inc
- Doutt Tool
- Eaker Enterprises PC
- Equitable Resources
- Farmers & Merchants Bank of W. PA
- Farmers National Bank of Emlenton
- Farmers National Bank of Kittanning
- First Commonwealth Bank
- First United National Bank of Fryburg
- Francis J. Palo, Inc.
- Gateway Health Plan
- Howard Drilling, Inc.
- Hubbard Bus Service
- Hunter Truck Sales & Service
- Interstate Pipe & Supply Co.
- Jefferson Wholesale
- The Kriebel Group
- Law Offices of Greco & Lander, P.C.
- McCabe Drug
- McKean Animal Hospital
- National City Bank
- Northwest Savings Bank
- Pathways Adolescent Ctr
- Pennco Tool & Die
- Pennsylvania General Energy Co.
- Phoenix Metals of PA
- Pizza Pub
- Pure Tech, Inc.
- Rosebud Mining
- S&T Bank
- Seneca Hardwood Lumber
- Sherry Distributor
- Snyder Associated Companies, Inc.
- Stubler Drive-Thru Beverage
- Tunnelton Liquids Company
- TURM Oil Company
- UPMC
- Venango Supply
- Venango Valley
- Voyten Electric
- W.R. Case & Sons
- Waste Management
- Witherup Fabrication

