

**Center for Christian Virtue, in response to the new federal tuition tax credit program, is expanding its Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) operation to the entire nation.**

The Center for Christian Virtue (CCV) is a very wealthy organization in Ohio; hence it gets high-level attention from a large segment of the elected state officials. This organization's movement to serve nationwide as a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) will swell their treasury exponentially. A SGO can skim-off up to 10% of the federal funds available. (Advocates of the federal tuition tax credits scheme claim that government funds are not involved in the program because the tax credit money flows from tax money owed to the federal treasury directly to the SGO; hence the private SGO is a government operative functioning as a private entity.)

The Center for Christian Virtue violates the longstanding principle of church/state separation. This group, by its actions, opts for public tax support for their particular brand of religion. They want all taxpayers to support their religious convictions. With all due respect, it's about the money.

This group does not consider that what the government funds, the government runs.

**[Center for Christian Virtue expands nationally with launch of Christian Education Network scholarship organization](#)**

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COLUMBUS, Ohio – Center for Christian Virtue is continuing its rapid national expansion in the Christian education space with the launch of a new scholarship granting organization (SGO) designed to serve families and schools across the country.

The Christian Education Network (CEN), founded by CCV, has launched a federal Scholarship Granting Organization (CEN SGO), positioning Ohio as the hub of a growing nationwide effort to expand access to Christian education.

The new initiative follows the federal Education Freedom Tax Credit, signed into law in 2025. Beginning in January 2027, individuals will be able to contribute up to \$1,700 to the organization and receive a dollar-for-dollar federal tax credit. Those funds will then be distributed as scholarships to help families afford Christian schooling.

"This is a defining moment for Christian education in America," said Aaron Baer, Founder of CEN and President of CCV. "For the first time, families can take money they already owe to the federal government and redirect it into scholarships that fund a Christ-centered education."

While the program will operate nationwide, its foundation is rooted in Ohio. CEN already leads a scholarship granting organization in the state, serving thousands of families and more than 100 Christian schools. That Ohio-based model is now being scaled nationally, further establishing the state as a leader in school choice and faith-based education.

Under the federal framework, donors from any state can contribute, but only states that opt in will be eligible to receive scholarship funds. To date, 29 states have opted in.

"The new Federal School Choice Tax Credit presents the greatest evangelism opportunity in our lifetime," said Baer. "CEN SGO is going to be coming alongside Christian schools across the country to help them maximize this historic opportunity to bless more kids and families than ever before."

The network's national expansion builds on years of policy and advocacy work led by CCV in Ohio, where the organization has played a key role in advancing school choice and strengthening Christian education infrastructure.

"Families are searching for both excellence and biblical values in education, so this program creates a critical pathway forward," said Troy McIntosh, Executive Director of CEN. "It gives parents and grandparents a choice they may not have thought possible, and provides Christ-centered schools with new financial resources. And we want every school administrator to have an advocate and a guide in this process. That's what CEN is here for."

Christian schools, families, and advocates can learn more about the program and state participation at [CENSGO.org](https://CENSGO.org).

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### **About CCV**

As Ohio's largest Christian public policy organization, Center for Christian Virtue seeks the good of our neighbors by advocating for public policy that reflects the truth of the Gospel.

### **About CEN**

Launched in 2025, Christian Education Network brings together Evangelical and Catholic schools to advocate at statehouses for the protection and expansion of Christian education. Based on the successful model of the Ohio Christian Education Network, CEN partners with state advocacy leaders to give Christian school leaders a voice in the public policy debates of the day. CEN also partners with local church leaders to launch new Christian schools in churches.

**[For the first time, your federal tax dollars can fund Christian education!](#)**

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Only [30 percent](#) of America's 8th graders are proficient in reading. Only [28 percent](#) in math.

Behind those numbers is something even more alarming: **a public education system that has abandoned any semblance of a moral framework, actively pushing radical ideologies onto the children in its care.**

This is not a "slow decline." It's already a crisis.

And it demands a response.

For years, Christians have stood with Center for Christian Virtue (CCV) as we've fought at Ohio's Statehouse—winning victories for school choice, defeating anti-religious liberty legislation, and building the Ohio Christian Education Network into a coalition of 200 Evangelical and Catholic schools.

CCV doesn't waste time talking about the problem. We get to work.

Today, we're going further than we've ever gone before. We're taking the fight nationally. The Christian Education Network (CEN) is launching the CEN Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)—a nationally qualified scholarship program built on the same proven model that transformed Christian education in Ohio.

On July 4, 2025, President Donald Trump signed the first school choice legislation ever passed at the federal level, the Education Freedom Tax Credit, into law.

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For the first time in American history, any taxpayer with a federal tax liability can redirect money they already owe the IRS into life-changing scholarships for children starting January 1, 2027. **Dollar for dollar up to \$1,700 per person.** No strings. No bureaucracy.

We've proven this works in Ohio. Now we're taking it to every state in America that will let us fight.

Every scholarship funded through the **CEN SGO** represents a child rescued from a failing system and placed into a school grounded in truth, excellence, and the Gospel. By understanding this mechanism now, you are joining a movement that gives families a choice they never thought they could afford.

Learn more about the School Choice Tax Credit today at [CENSGO.org](https://CENSGO.org).

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