



Bloom Ohio: Frequently Asked Questions

Your questions about Bloom Ohio, answered

Gifts are open now. Give to a student's Christian education and, if you pay Ohio income tax, get up to \$750 back as a dollar-for-dollar Ohio tax credit. Your Gift. Their Growth.

What is Bloom Ohio?

Bloom Ohio is a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) created by the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. It turns your gift into need-based tuition scholarships for students at the Conference's 11 Adventist schools in Ohio.

Is Bloom Ohio legitimate?

Yes. The Ohio Attorney General certified Bloom Ohio as an SGO on Oct 9, 2026, and the IRS recognizes it as a 501(c)(3) public charity. Its EIN is 42-3608396.

How does the Ohio tax credit work?

You can get up to \$750 per person, dollar for dollar against the Ohio income tax you owe. Married couples should make two separate \$750 gifts, one from each spouse, for up to \$1,500. One \$1,500 gift from one spouse only earns \$750.

Who benefits?

Students enrolled or accepted at one of our 11 Adventist schools, about 1,150 students in all. Scholarships are based on need, and families with the lowest incomes come first. At least 90% of Bloom Ohio's income goes to scholarships, paid straight to the school's tuition account.



Can I choose where my gift goes?

Yes. Pick the General Fund, shared across all 11 schools by need, or choose one school. You can never designate a specific student, including your own child or relative. Those gifts are refused or refunded to protect your credit.

How do I give?

Scan the flower QR code or go to <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/help-ohio-students-bloom>. Once our website redirect is set up, the short address ohioadventist.org/give-bloom takes you to the same page. You can pay by Apple Pay, Google Pay, card or U.S. bank account. You can also mail a check (\$25 minimum) payable to Bloom Ohio at 1251 E. Dorothy Lane, Kettering, OH 45419.

What's the optional tip on the giving form?

The giving page runs on Zeffy, a free platform, so 100% of your gift reaches Bloom Ohio. Zeffy asks for an optional tip (it suggests 11%). Choose "Other" and set it to \$0 if you like. The tip goes to Zeffy, not Bloom Ohio, and isn't part of your tax credit.

What about the new federal tax credit?

A federal credit of up to \$1,700 per person starts with gifts made Jan 1, 2027. Ohio's credit comes off first, so the sweet spot is \$2,450 per person (\$4,900 per couple, each spouse giving \$2,450) for \$750 Ohio plus \$1,700 federal, if you owe enough tax. Gifts made in 2026 earn the Ohio credit only, so answer No to the federal credit question on the form this year.

What are the deadlines?

Give by Dec 31, 2026, for your 2026 Ohio credit. Gifts made Jan 1 to about April 15, 2027, can count on either your 2026 or 2027 Ohio return. The form asks which tax year you want.

What if I owe less than \$750 in Ohio tax?

The credit can only reduce the Ohio tax you actually owe, and there's no refund or carryforward for the rest. Check the tax liability line on last year's Ohio return, then give what fits. Every gift still helps a student.

Will I get a receipt?

Yes. Give online and you'll get an emailed receipt right away. It's your tax record and lists Bloom Ohio's EIN. Our office also sends a thank-you letter.

Is help available in Spanish?

Sí. Use the Spanish giving page at <https://www.zeffy.com/es-US/donation-form/help-ohio-students-bloom> or tap ES on the form. Short how-to-give videos walk you through each step



in Spanish (<https://youtu.be/NI0ZFe1Opcs>) and English (<https://youtu.be/YoILN4Doslc>), and the printable giving guide comes in both languages.

Who can I talk to?

Richard Bianco, Superintendent of Education, at (937) 741-0254 or rabianco@ohioadventist.org. Learn more at ohioadventist.org/bloom-ohio.

Bloom Ohio isn't a tax advisor. Talk with your tax preparer about your situation.