



Frequently Asked Questions

The Bloom Ohio scholarship program. Just the facts.

1. What is Bloom Ohio?

The Ohio Conference's Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). It turns Ohio tax dollars into scholarships for students at our Adventist schools.

2. What is an SGO?

A nonprofit certified by the Ohio Attorney General to receive donations that earn a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit, under Ohio Revised Code §5747.73.

3. Is this a donation?

No. It is a tax redirection. Ohio gives the money back as a tax credit. You decide where your tax dollars go.

4. How much can I redirect?

Single filer: up to \$750. Married couple filing jointly: up to \$1,500. Dollar-for-dollar, every year.

5. What about the federal credit?

Starting January 1, 2027, the federal Education Freedom Tax Credit raises the combined cap to \$1,700. Single filers reach it through \$750 state plus \$950 federal. Joint filers through \$1,500 state plus \$200 federal.

6. So what does it cost me?

Close to nothing. Give up to \$1,700, receive up to \$1,700 back in credits. Many donors come out even or ahead.

7. Who do the scholarships help?

Students across our 11 Adventist schools, with priority for underserved families who need help affording Christian education.

8. Can I choose the school?

Yes. Donors can typically designate their gift to a specific Ohio Conference school.

9. Is a new organization being created?

Yes. The Conference is forming a brand-new 501(c)(3) built strictly to operate the Bloom Ohio SGO, because the existing Conference entity does not meet Ohio's SGO requirements.

10. When does it start, and how do I join?

Certification is expected Summer/Fall 2026, with first scholarships in 2027. Scan the code or visit ohioadventist.org/education to join the interest list.



Want in? Scan to join the interest list.

We will reach out the moment Bloom Ohio goes live.

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