

For people that have an interest in donating money to help eligible students afford a Christian education, there is a new way to save on your taxes and another one coming soon.

Presently, there is a Kansas tax credit. A person can donate money to help eligible students pay tuition to Heritage Christian School and receive **75% of what they donated** as a tax credit toward their Kansas income tax liability.

For example, if a person donates \$1000, he will receive a tax credit of \$750 toward his Kansas income tax bill. He will receive the tax credit now, then apply it in the spring of 2027 to his Kansas taxes for 2026. This is a tax credit, not a deduction. If 75% of the money donated is more than he owes on his Kansas taxes, the tax credit balance can be carried over to the following years. He will never lose his tax credit.

The Kansas tax credit (75%) program is used by the school to pay toward tuition of eligible students. An eligible student is defined as a kindergartner or a new student that was enrolled in the public school the year before and the parents earn less than 250% of the federal poverty line. If a person itemizes their deductions, they can count the remaining 25% of any donation for their federal return.

Beginning in January 2027, a person will be able to donate money to the school for them to use as scholarships for any family who meets the income guidelines of less than 300% of the average income for the area. That donation will receive a 100% tax credit, up to \$1700, toward their federal tax liability. This program will help most students at Heritage! More information on this will be forthcoming this fall.

Money for either of these programs is donated to the RenewaNation organization. Donations to RenewaNation that are designated as being for Heritage Christian School will be sent by them to HCS. The school then has a committee that will distribute the money to eligible students; money through this program must be used for tuition and does not go directly to the school for things like salaries or building improvements. This is a scholarship program for students.

To learn more about RenewaNation and their scholarship program, you can visit their website at: <https://renewksscholarships.org/>. **If you have any questions or need help, please email Mrs. Lischke at: info@hcstopeka.org.**

- Contributions may be monetary, marketable securities, personal property, or real estate.
- Tax credit may be claimed during the year in which the contribution was made or may carry to following years until fully utilized.

DONATION PROCESS

- Email curtis@renewanation.org. Put **"TCLISS"** in the subject line. Use the following or something similar as the message: **"I would like to donate money for Heritage Christian School, Topeka, KS. Please send me the necessary information."** He will provide you with information and a link to complete the simple application.
- Donations can be made via check, secure bank draft, or *credit card
*Your donation will be reduced by 3% to cover credit card charges.

RenewaNation collects the money and distributes it to the designated school. It is important that we build some reserves in our account with RenewaNation now. Please prayerfully consider donating to the Kansas tuition tax credit now; you can use those donations to directly lower your 2026 Kansas income tax liability.

Our hope is that you will also consider donating to the Federal Tax Credit program beginning in January, 2027. It will directly pay \$1700 of your federal tax liability. We hope that families will choose to give that \$1700 to help students instead of to the government.