

Send your GA Taxes to Augusta Science Academy

GaSSO



TAX



<https://portal.georgiasso.com/home/school/augusta-science-academy/>

Detailed information, links, and instructions are at:

<https://AugustaScienceAcademy.com/GaSSO/>



If you still have any questions, PLEASE email GaSSO@aSCIENCEa.com.

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Pledging:

Pledging opens May 1 of the year prior to the year of the donation and ends December 31 of the year prior to the year of the donation.

(For example, if you want to pledge for 2026, you can anytime between May 1, 2025 and December 2025, but PLEASE pledge BEFORE the end of November 2025 so that you have time to make corrections if there is a problem with the computer entries, which happens sometimes.)

Go directly to the Augusta Science Academy GaSSO page (<https://portal.georgiasso.com/home/school/augusta-science-academy>) and click “Make a Pledge”.

For 2026 GaSSO has updated their website.

- If you have an existing GaSSO account:
 - Click “Sign In” at the top of the page. This takes you to the sign-in page.
 - For 2026 GaSSO has updated their website so you will need to reset your password by clicking “forgot password”.
- If you are new to GaSSO:
 - Click “Create Account”.
 - Enter your name, and email, then click “Sign Up”. You will receive and email “Notifications Georgia SSO New User” with your user name “your email address” and a new password.
 - On the GaSSO Sign In page enter email and password. Click “Sign In”.

- On the GaSSO main page, click “Submit Pledge” then click “New Pledge”.
- If you are existing user verify the information shown is correct, correct any incorrect information, check the box near the bottom, click “Submit Pledge”.
- If you are an new to GaSSO, fill in your tax filing status, your name (and your spouse’s name if you file your taxes jointly) and your Social Security number (and spouse’s SSN if you file jointly) exactly as on file with the Georgia Department of Revenue, check the box near the bottom, click “Submit Pledge”.

When you pledge, we ask that you pledge the maximum pledge based on your tax filing status. Because you will only be approved for a percentage of whatever amount you pledge. And that percentage has been decreasing each year. After you receive your maximum donation amount, you can decide how much (if any) to donate.

2023	73% of pledge amount approved.
2024	67% of pledge amount approved.
2025	53% of pledge amount approved.
2026	Will be determined in January 2026, expected to be less than 50%

Georgia Department of Revenue
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ATLANTA, GA 30348-5499
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Darcy Pyle, Director, Taxpayer Services Division

Frank M. O'Connell, State Revenue Commissioner



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EVANS GA 30809-5507



Letter ID: L1149828336
Issued Date: 08-Jan-2025
SSN: [REDACTED]

Re: Form IT-QEE-TP1 – Qualified Education Expense Credit

The Georgia Department of Revenue has received and processed your Form IT-QEE-TP1 for the qualified education expense credit.

Based on the maximum statutory credit cap of \$120,000,000.00 and the intended contribution amount, you have been preapproved and allocated \$2,665.00 qualified education expense tax credit for calendar year 2025. Please mail your donation made payable to the designated Student Scholarship Organization (SSO) within 60 days of the issued date of this letter or by the end of the calendar year whichever comes first.

- Do not send donations to the Georgia Department of Revenue. Contact the chosen SSO regarding the allocation of the donation. For more information on all eligible SSOs, visit the Georgia Department of Education website.

Your approved certificate number is [REDACTED]. Please use this certificate number when claiming this credit on your Georgia income tax return. Attach a copy of this preapproval letter, Form IT-QEE-TP2, and Form IT-SSO1 to your applicable Georgia income tax return to claim the qualified education expense credit.

You can view your tax credit certificates and balances by logging into your Georgia Tax Center account at <https://gtc.dor.ga.gov>. You can view your credits by clicking 'Manage My Credits' from your home page after logging in.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact the Department at the number listed above.

Georgia Department of Revenue

GA DOR Pledge Approval Letter

In early January of the year you pledge for, you will receive a letter from the Georgia Department of Revenue (see example letter on the left).

It will include the maximum amount you are approved to donate. You do NOT have to donate this maximum amount.

It asks you to donate within 60 days.

It will include your certification number that you need to make your donation.

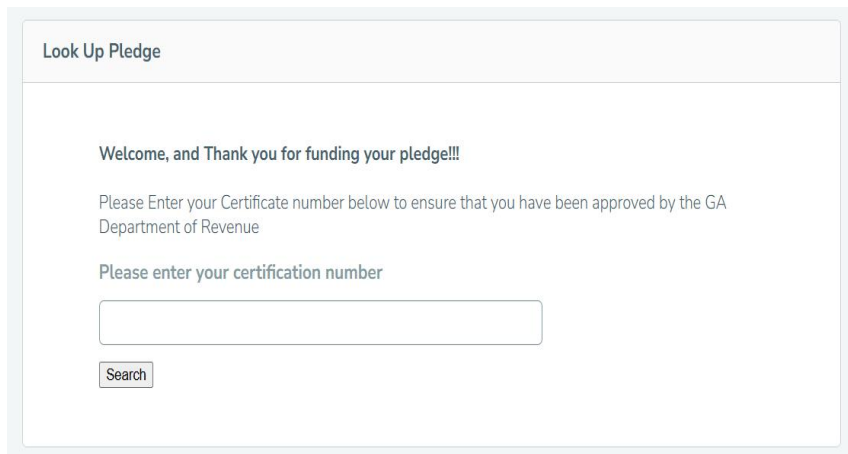
Donating:

The Approval Letter from the Georgia Department of Revenue (GA DOR) requires you donate within the first 60 days after approval (by about mid-March) Although, donations have been made as later in the past; **for 2026 the Georgia Department of Revenue will be enforcing the 60 day maximum.**

Go directly to the Augusta Science Academy GaSSO page (<https://portal.georgiasso.com/home/school/augusta-science-academy>) and click “Fund a Pledge”. (If you go in through this link, Augusta Science Academy will automatically be the school you donate to.)

You will need to enter your certification number from the GA DOR letter received in early January ([see earlier example here](#)).

The website will show:



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Look Up Pledge". It contains a welcome message, instructions to enter a certification number, a text input field, and a "Search" button.

Look Up Pledge

Welcome, and Thank you for funding your pledge!!!

Please Enter your Certificate number below to ensure that you have been approved by the GA Department of Revenue

Please enter your certification number

Search

If you do not know your certification number email GaSSO@aSCIENCEa.com, to request the certification number be sent you.

Note: Due to the program cap being met, the state has prorated/reduced your pledge and you have been approved for **\$2,665.00**.

Fund Your Pledge

Prefix	First Name	M. Initial	Last Name
	Walid		Ahmed
Suffix 			
Spouse First Name	Middle Initial	Spouse Last Name	
Spouse Email (optional)	Spouse Phone (optional)		
Address	Apt/Suite #		
1013 Science Boulevard SE			
City	State	Zip	
Evans	GA	30809	
Email Receipt To:	Contact Phone		

This information will only be used to contact you with questions related to your donation and will not be shared.

Select Schools

\$ 2,665.00

Remove

Payment Type

Account Type

Bank Name

Routing Number

Account Number

Maximum approved donation amount shown.

Verify name(s), Social Security number(s), address, email address, and phone number.

Make sure "Augusta Science Academy - Martinez" is selected.

The form defaults to the maximum approved donation amount, even if you have previously made a partial payment(s).

Enter the amount you want to donate at this time. You can make a partial payment now and return again to make another partial payment later.

Select Schools

Augusta Science Academy - Martinez

\$ 2,665.00

Remove

Payment Type

ACH
ACH
Credit Card
PayPal / PayPal Credit

Bank Name

Routing Number

Account Number

Additional Notes or Comments? (optional)

Select your payment method:
Credit Card, PayPal, or ACH.

ACH is automatic withdrawal from your bank checking account.

ASA recommends using ACH.
Enter your bank Name, routing number and account number.

Select Schools

Augusta Science Academy - Martinez

\$ 2,665.00

Remove

Payment Type

ACH

Account Type

Checking

Bank Name

Routing Number

Account Number

Credit Card and PayPal incur a 3.5% fee, that is why ASA recommends ACH. PayPal may have a **6 months interest free** option for qualified users.

Payment Type

Credit Card

Card Number

Expiry

MM/YY



NOTE: To cover the cost of processing credit cards, a 3.5% charge will be added to your donation

Credit Card Fee

\$93.28

Additional Notes or Comments? (optional)

Submit

Payment Type

ACH

Account Type

Checking

Bank Name

Routing Number

Account Number

Select Schools

Augusta Science Academy - Martinez

\$ 2,665.01

Remove

Payment Type

PayPal / PayPal Credit

PayPal

Pay Later

NOTE: To cover the cost of processing PayPal, a 3.5% charge will be added to your donation

Additional Notes or Comments? (optional)

Submit

Georgia Form IT-QEE-SSO1 (Last Rev. 07/09/18)

Qualified Education Expense Credit Letter of Confirmation Georgia
Department of Revenue

Version 1

Please print your numbers like this in black or blue ink:

9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

This form is the second step in the process of applying for the qualified education expense credit. It should be completed by the student scholarship organization and provided to the taxpayer. This form is used to confirm that the taxpayer made the contribution to the student scholarship organization.

Enter for Student Scholarship Organization:

FISCAL YEAR ENDING

1 2 - 3 1 - 2 0 2 3

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

2 6 - 2 9 0 3 6 6 7

NAME OF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION

G E O R G I A S S O I N C

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

STREET ADDRESS

P O B O X 1 7 5 2

CITY

C U M M I N G

STATE

G A

ZIP CODE

3 0 0 2 8

CONTACT PERSON

D A V I D N E Y E R

The Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 48-7-29.16 establishes an income tax credit for qualified education expenses.

A credit is allowed for the expenditure of funds by the taxpayer to a student scholarship organization, operating pursuant to Chapter 2A of Title 20, which uses the contribution for tuition and fees for a qualified school or program.

This letter of confirmation of donation shall be maintained by the taxpayer and made available upon request by the Commissioner.

Enter for Contributing Taxpayer

FIRST NAME OR NAME OF ENTITY

Valid

MI

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

LAST NAME IF INDIVIDUAL

Ahmed

SUFFIX

ADDRESS (NUMBER AND STREET or P.O. BOX)

902 Sumter Landing Ct

CITY

Evans

STATE

GA

ZIP CODE

30809-5507

DATE OF CONTRIBUTION

02/27/23

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION

\$ 3902

PREAPPROVED AMOUNT OF CREDIT

3902

Tax Receipt Letter & Tax Forms

In late January or early February of the year after the year you made your donation, you will receive a tax receipt letter and your QEE-TP1 and QEE-SSO1 tax forms from the Georgia Student Scholarship Organization (GaSSO) (see example QEE-SO1 form left).

It will include the amount you donated.

It also shows the maximum amount you were allowed to donate.

You do NOT need to include the letter and tax forms when you file, but you DO need to keep for your records.

Filing Your Georgia State Taxes:

The following State of Georgia Tax Information is provided for your reference and is not to be taken as Tax Advice. Georgia Student Scholarship Organization strongly encourages you to consult your Tax Advisor or accountant for official tax guidance.

Your contribution qualifies you for the Georgia Qualified Education Expense Credit. This tax credit can be claimed on your [Georgia Individual Income Tax Form 500](#) electronic tax document.

Electronic Filing

Electronic Filing is **mandatory** for taxpayers claiming this credit. Individual taxpayers that electronically file their tax return do not have to submit Form IT-QEE-SSO1. Form IT-QEE-SSO1 shall be maintained by the taxpayer and made available upon request by the Commissioner. For additional information, please click on the following Link: [GA Qualified Education Expense Tax Credit](#)

Electronic Filing Software: The Georgia Department of Revenue provides an approved list of Tax Filing software. You can find the software vendor list here: [State of GA Approved Tax Software Vendors](#)

State of Georgia Tax Documents

Form IT-QEE-SSO1: This tax document is provided to you by Georgia Student Scholarship Organization and confirms your contribution. Retain a copy of this document for your records for use as needed.

Form IT-QEE-TP2: This tax document is used to compute the income tax credit for qualified education expenses. You can find a copy of this document at the following location: [IT-QEE-TP2 Tax Document](#) Tax Filing software that includes an electronic version of this document as satisfies the filing requirement. Please consult your tax advisor for additional information on the allowable tax credits for your tax filing status.

Form 500 – This tax document is the State of Georgia Individual Income Tax Return Document. This document can be found at the following location: [Georgia Individual Income Tax Form 500](#) The State of Georgia requires that this form must be filed electronically to take advantage of the Georgia Qualified Education Expense Credit. Georgia Student Scholarship Organization strongly encourages you to consult your tax advisor or electronic tax processor to ensure that you are achieving the maximum benefit of your tax credit. Thank you for continuing to support Georgia Student Scholarship Organization and our efforts to ensure that you have a choice in the improving the continuing education of our State of Georgia Students.

Example of Tax basics.

Total Income: \$105,000

Deductions: \$5,000

Adjusted Income: \$100,000

\$6,000 Taxes owed from tax table or calculation

In this example, \$6,000 is the Tax Liability (Tax credits cannot exceed tax liability). **ANYONE that has a tax liability to Georgia is eligible for the tax credit, regardless if the tax return shows they owe taxes or are getting a refund.)**

	Example 1:	Example 2:
Taxes withheld on W-2:	\$4,000	\$7,000
w/o GaSSO donation:	\$2,000 owed	\$1,000 refund

GaSSO donation: \$3,902

w/ GaSSO donation:	\$1,902 REFUND	\$4,902 REFUND
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For a tax credit, Georgia
REQUIRES you to file
electronically (do not
mail in your Georgia
Tax forms, you must
send electronically!)

If you do your own taxes:

On the Georgia Credits section look for “Education Expenses Credit”.

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Federal Refund \$0 GA Refund \$0

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Take a look at Georgia credits

Low Income Tax Credit [Learn More](#) \$52 [Edit](#)

These are different than federal tax breaks. You may be able to save some money if you can claim any of them. There might also be Georgia taxes that apply to you.

Personal, home and family credits

- Georgia Homebuyer Credit [Learn More](#) [Start](#)
-  Education Expense Credit [Learn More](#) [Start](#)
- Teacher Recruitment and Retention Credit [Learn More](#) [Start](#)
- Qualified Caregiving Expense Credit [Learn More](#) [Start](#)
- Other State Tax Credit [Learn More](#) [Start](#)
- Disabled Person Home Purchase or Retrofit Credit [Learn More](#) [Start](#)

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Qualified Education Expenses

Georgia provides a tax credit for qualified educational expenses. An individual is eligible for a credit of up to \$2,500 (single or head of household), \$2,500 (married filing separate), or \$5,000 (married filing joint). A corporation is eligible for a credit amount that can equal up to 75% of its income tax liability. The credit is allowed on a first come, first served basis. The taxpayer must not take a federal charitable contribution deduction for which a credit is allowed. The aggregate amount of tax credits allowed to all taxpayers is \$50 million per tax year. Taxpayer must request preapproval to claim this credit on Form IT-QEE-TP1. For more information, refer to O.C.G.A. § 48-7-29.16.

Note: The Georgia Department of Revenue requires electronic filing for income tax in which series 100 tax credits are generated, allocated, claimed, utilized, or included in any manner.

[See More Help](#)

You will need the QEE-TP1 and QEE-SSO1 forms you received in January/February from GaSSO ([see earlier example here](#)).

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Did You Receive Pre-approval for the Education Expense Credit?

This credit requires pre-approval by Georgia.

To get the credit, you'll need to have already received form QEE-TP1 from the Department of Revenue, and form QEE-SSO1 from the student scholarship organization.

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Yes No

Enter information from your QEE-SSO1 form.

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Federal Refund

\$ 0

GA Refund

\$ 0

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Additional Info for the Education Expense Credit

Tell us the information below and we'll help you get the credit if you qualify. [Learn More](#)

- ☒ I did not deduct my contribution as charitable donations on my federal return.
- ☒ I received contribution confirmation (form QEE-SSO1) from the student scholarship organization.
- ☒ I didn't make a contribution for the direct benefit of any dependents.

Note: Don't enter credits received from a pass through entity here. Enter all Schedule K-1 credits on the **Business and Individual Credit** screen.

Preapproved contribution amount
(see QEE-TP1)

3,902.

Total Contribution amount (see
QEE-SSO1)

3902

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For personal taxes, you cannot use your donation as a deduction on your Federal Tax return. (Business tax payers can, please consult your tax preparer.)

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Federal Refund: \$0
GA Refund: \$0

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Qualified Education Expense Tax Credit

Did you take a federal itemized deduction of state income tax on your federal return for the amount donated for the Qualified Education Expense Tax Credit? [Learn More](#)

☐ Yes
☒ No

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If you donated in prior years but did not get your full tax credit, you can utilize the Georgia Credit Carry forward process.

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Federal Refund
\$ 0

GA Refund
\$ 0

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Georgia Credit Carryforwards

In Georgia, most credits are limited to your tax liability and they are not refundable.

If you are not able to take the full amount of your credit in a previous year, you may be able to take the credit in later years until you use it up or time runs out.

[Georgia Credits with Carryforward Provisions](#)

Do you have any Georgia credit carryforwards?

☒ Yes, I have carryforward credits to enter

☐ No, I don't have any carryforward credits

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Enter the tax year you donated in and select the “Qualified Education Expense Credit” and enter the amount of your donation that you have not already received as a credit.

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Federal Refund

\$ 0

GA Refund

\$ 0

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Georgia Credit Carryforwards

Enter a description of your credit in the **Year and Name of Credit** column, and enter the credit amount available on this year's return in the **2023 Carry Forward Credit** column.

Enter your **Credit Code Type** and check the box to indicate if your credit has an unlimited carryforward provision or enter the number of years you have left to claim the credit (whichever applies).

Year and Name of Credit (e.g., 2020 Adoption Credit)	Credit Code Type	2023 Carry Forward Credit	Years Left	OR	Unlimited Years
2022 Edudation	125. Qualified Education Expense Credit	1000			☒
	No Entry				☐
	No Entry				☐
	No Entry				☐

Note: The Georgia Department of Revenue requires electronic filing for income tax in which series 100 tax credits are generated, allocated, claimed, utilized, or included in any manner.

Example of taking tax credit in current and previous year.

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Federal Refund

\$ 0

GA Refund

\$ 0

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Georgia Credit Carryforwards Learn More	\$1,000	Edit

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Information to give to tax preparer:

- GA DOR Pledge Approval Letter ([see earlier example](#))
- GaSSO Tax Receipt
- GaSSO QEE-SSO1 ([see earlier example](#))
- GaSSO QEE-TP1

They must file electronically.

- GA 2024 Tax Form 500:
<https://apps.dor.ga.gov/FillableForms/PDFViewer/Index?form=2024GA500>
- GA Tax Form QEE-TP2: <https://dor.georgia.gov/it-qee-tp2>

Links for Business Taxes:

- [Business Contributions](#)
- [Business Federal Tax Information](#)