

Turn Your Pennsylvania Taxes Into Scholarships

Every year you already send Pennsylvania state income tax to Harrisburg. EITC lets you redirect that tax to fund the education of our own children at Manarah instead, and you can redirect your entire liability, not just part of it.

60+

Manarah families giving
through EITC today

What Is EITC

A state tax credit that turns tax dollars you already owe into scholarships for Manarah students.

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit is a Pennsylvania state program that lets qualifying taxpayers redirect state tax dollars they already owe to a school scholarship fund of their choice, such as Manarah Islamic Academy. You can redirect your entire Pennsylvania tax liability, not just part of it. The program is managed by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

Redirect tax dollars you already owe

Choose your own gift amount

One year at a time, no lasting commitment

A Tax Credit Is Not a Tax Deduction

Knowing the difference is the key to understanding the real cost of your gift.

A Deduction

Lowers the amount of income that gets taxed. A gift only saves you a fraction of its value, based on your tax bracket.

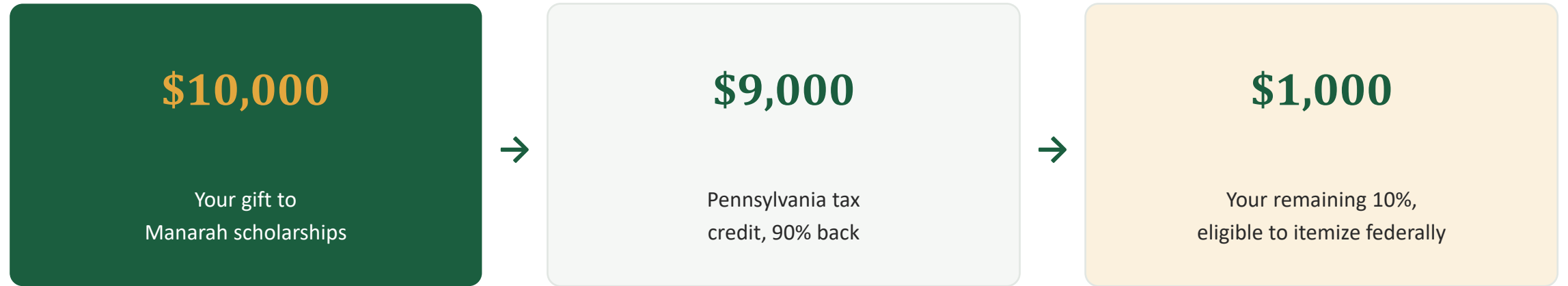
A Credit

Pays your tax bill directly, dollar for dollar. A credit acts like cash applied straight against taxes you already owe.

EITC is a credit. That is why a gift can cost far less than the check you write.

The Multiplier Effect

What a \$10,000 gift to Manarah looks like this year



Example only. Confirm your exact numbers with your tax advisor.

This program is designed to come at little to no real cost to you. Your commitment is for one year at a time, so it is easy to start.

Why This Matters

This is money you already owe the state. EITC does not ask you to spend more. It asks you to choose where a small part of your existing tax bill goes, and it becomes real tuition help for a Manarah student.

It does not affect public schools

EITC funds come from the Department of Community and Economic Development. Public school funding comes from the Department of Education, an entirely separate budget. Supporting Manarah through EITC does not reduce public school funding by a single dollar.

The difference you make

Your gift is not an abstract number on a tax form. It becomes real tuition support for a Manarah family and helps shape the future of a child in our own community.

A small redirection for you. A real difference for a Manarah student, for a full school year.

Who Can Take Part

The rule is simple. It comes down to how much Pennsylvania tax you owe.

\$3,500

or more in Pennsylvania tax liability, about \$115,000 in gross income, is enough to qualify

100%

of your redirected tax goes directly to Manarah

This applies whether you are a W-2 employee, self employed, a business owner, or retired. You join and give as an individual, using your own name and Social Security number, the same as any other donor.

Not sure about your number? Check line 12 of your most recent PA-40, or ask your tax preparer. If you pay quarterly estimated Pennsylvania tax, you can often stop once your credit is committed.

Timing Matters

Credits are awarded first come, first served, and this is a heavily funded, popular program.

\$590M

The Pennsylvania EITC budget approved for the 2025 to 2026 school year

Credits are awarded on a first come, first served basis. Joinders are accepted year round, but any credit a Pennsylvania taxpayer does not claim is simply awarded to another school or community instead. There is no reason for an eligible taxpayer to miss out on it.

If Pennsylvania tax is withheld from your paycheck, you will briefly be covering both your paycheck withholding and your EITC check at the same time, until your refund arrives. Plan for this short overlap.

By September 30

Submit your joinder for the best chance this year. Still accepted after, but availability gets slimmer.

Mid to late October

CPSF confirms your funding once the state has awarded the credits.

Late Oct to early Nov

You send your contribution soon after your funding is confirmed.

By March 15

CPSF mails your K-1 tax form, the document you need to file and claim your credit.

May to October

Your refund typically arrives, depending on when you file.

What Is a Special Purpose Entity

The structure that makes this simple for individuals, not just corporations.

A Special Purpose Entity, or SPE, is a company formed only to collect state tax credits and pass them to its members. It handles the legal and administrative work so an individual donor does not need to form a business or file complicated paperwork. Manarah works with an SPE managed by Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund (CPSF).

One simple form

A short joinder agreement is the only paperwork you sign. The SPE handles the rest.

No added cost

CPSF takes no administrative fee for managing the SPE on your behalf.

How to Join, Step by Step

1

Confirm your eligibility

Check with your tax professional that your Pennsylvania liability meets the minimum. You can redirect your entire liability, not just part of it.

2

Sign the joinder agreement

A short, one page reservation form naming Manarah Islamic Academy as your chosen school. Download it at tinyurl.com/Manarah-Fall-26-Joinder-Form.

3

Wait for your award

CPSF confirms your funding once the state has officially approved your tax credit, typically in mid to late October.

4

Send your contribution and claim your credit

Send your gift soon after your award, usually by early November, then use the K-1 form CPSF provides to claim your credit on your Pennsylvania tax return.

5

Receive your refund

Your refund typically arrives between May and October, depending on when you file.

Send your completed joinder form to CPSF by email at tami@cpsfcharity.org, by fax at (814) 684-1061, or by mail to Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund, Attn Tami Clark, 501 Third Street, Tyrone, PA 16686.

A Program Manarah Already Knows

Real experience, built with our own community of donors, since 2024.

2024

The year Manarah joined the EITC program

60+

Manarah families giving through the program today

Manarah has taken part in EITC since 2024, which gives us real, firsthand experience with how the program works. Participation has grown to more than 60 donors today, and their generosity is already shaping the education of our children.

We are asking you to help us grow this program, so we can reach and support even more Manarah students and expand into new programs for them.

Backed by a Trusted Statewide Program

25

years the Pennsylvania EITC program has run, since 2001

300+

Pennsylvania schools in the CPSF network, Manarah included

100%

of your contribution goes to student scholarships

The Manarah EITC gifts are processed through Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund (CPSF), an approved Pennsylvania scholarship organization operating since 2012 with no administrative fees. See the full list of participating schools at pennsylvaniaeitc.org/supported-schools.html.

Ready to join? Contact the Manarah EITC team. Email eitc@manarahfoundation.org



Scan to download the joinder form

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Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to commit for more than one year?

No. Each gift is a fresh, one year commitment. There is no obligation to continue in a future year.

What if I do not owe enough Pennsylvania tax?

A minimum liability, typically \$3,500, is required. Confirm your number with your tax preparer before you commit.

Can business owners and retirees take part, not just W-2 employees?

Yes. Anyone with enough Pennsylvania tax liability can join, whether it comes from a paycheck, a business, or other income.

Does this take money away from public schools?

No. EITC and public school funding come from two separate state budgets.

What is a Special Purpose Entity, and why do I join through one?

It is a simple giving structure that collects state tax credits from donors and passes them to schools. CPSF manages ours at no administrative fee.

Does Manarah receive my full donation?

Yes. Manarah receives 100 percent of your redirected tax.

Is there a deadline to join this year?

Joinders are accepted year round, but new donors should submit by September 30 for the best chance. Availability gets slimmer after that.

How much funding is available this year?

Pennsylvania approved \$590 million for the EITC program for the 2025 to 2026 school year. Unclaimed credits simply go to another school instead.

When will I need to send my check?

Once CPSF confirms your funding, typically in mid to late October, you will be asked to send your contribution, usually by early November.

When will I receive my K-1 tax form?

CPSF mails your K-1 by March 15 of the following year. You need it to file your Pennsylvania return and claim your credit.

When will I receive my refund?

Most donors see their refund between May and October of the following year, depending on when they file.

Am I paying Pennsylvania tax twice as a W-2 employee?

Briefly, yes. Tax is still withheld from your paycheck, so you cover both that and your EITC check until your refund arrives.