Nativity School SGO - Information and Guide

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Have any questions? Care to learn more? Want to ensure you're doing it right?

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What is a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)?

- Certified 501(c)(3) nonprofit that receives donations to award academic scholarships to K-12 students
- Prioritizes low-income families
- Donors receive **dollar-for-dollar** credit against their Ohio income taxes
    - Up to $750 each year, $1500 per couple

Why Donate to Nativity SGO?

- Provides resources for needed tuition assistance at Nativity School
  - Supports Catholic education at your neighborhood school
  - Reduces cost of private school tuition
- Facilitates enrollment and admissions initiatives
  - Helps to retain existing families
  - Tool to recruit new families
- Lets some of your taxes instead become financial support for Nativity School
  - You can donate $750 ($1500 per couple) to Nativity while costing you $0

KEY TAKEAWAY

- As long as you pay $750 in income taxes to the state of Ohio each year ($1500 per couple), **THIS WILL COST YOU NOTHING**
  - You donate the money to Nativity's SGO, and then **YOU GET IT BACK**, dollar for dollar, when you file your Ohio tax return
  - Your donation redirects part of your income taxes **THAT YOU HAVE TO PAY ANYWAY** and gives it to Nativity School
  - If you are able to float $750 cash for a few months ($1500 per couple), everyone affiliated with Nativity should donate to Nativity's SGO before filing their Ohio tax return
    - Parents, grandparents, friends, parishioners, teachers, staff - spread the word
    - Every Nativity family should donate what they can, knowing they will get it refunded
- **IT IS FREE MONEY FOR NATIVITY SCHOOL**
  - The state keeps your money and Nativity loses out if you don't donate to Nativity's SGO
  - You get to donate your financial support to Nativity and have nothing come out of your pocket

Tips to Keep in Mind for Donating to Nativity SGO

- Donate up to $750 per individual donor each year
  - Can donate $1500 per couple (joint return), but **MUST** donate $750 separately in each name
- Have until April 15 the following year (up until tax filing) to make your donation
- Donation must be made in cash (checking account or credit card)
- If you don't want to be out of pocket anything, you must file income taxes in Ohio and have tax liability (not amount due) greater than donation amount
  - i.e. if you want to donate the maximum $750 ($1500 per couple) and receive a full refund of it back from the state of Ohio, your Ohio return should show at least $750 ($1500 joint) on line 10 Tax Liability after Nonrefundable Credits on page 2 of OH IT 1040 (excluding Scholarship Donation Credit)
- Make sure to attach your email receipt and payment support to your Ohio income tax return filing

Additional Resources on Donating to Nativity SGO

- Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Education Foundation
  - https://catholicbestchoice.org/SGO/
- Ohio Revised Code Section 5747.73
  - https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-5747.73
- Ohio Department of Taxation Scholarship Donation Credit and video
  - https://tax.ohio.gov/individual/file-now/ohio-tax-credits-and-their-required-documentation
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgrLjvDybyI
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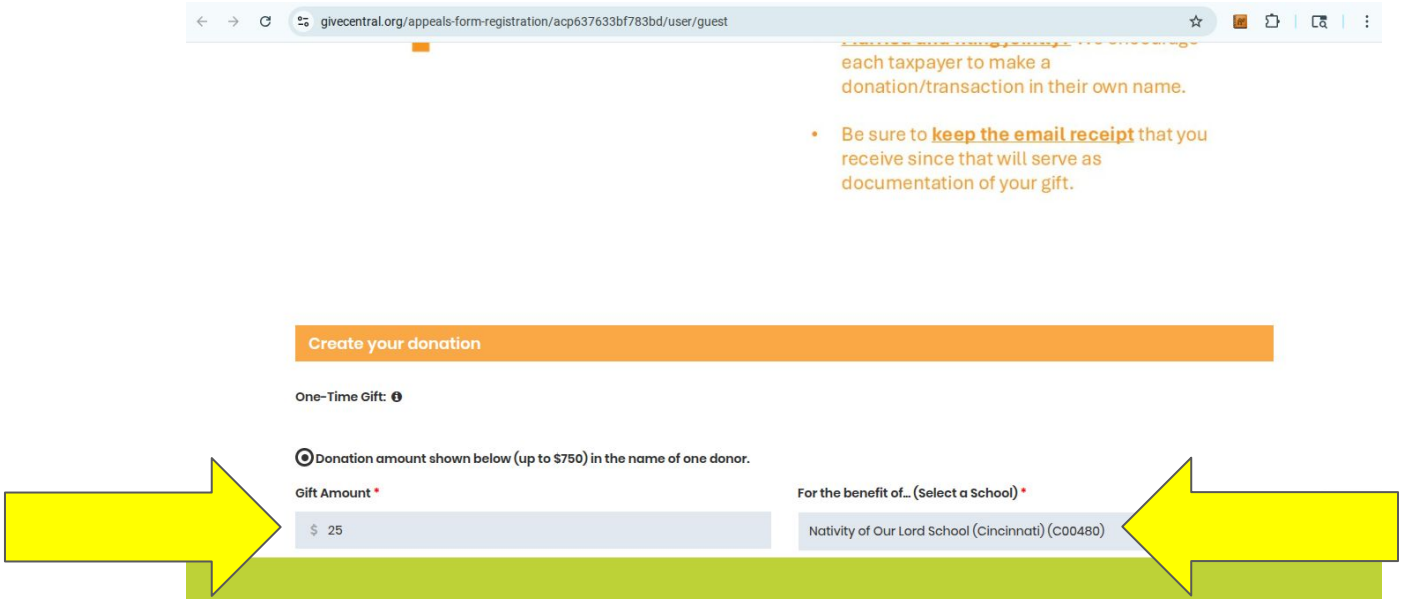
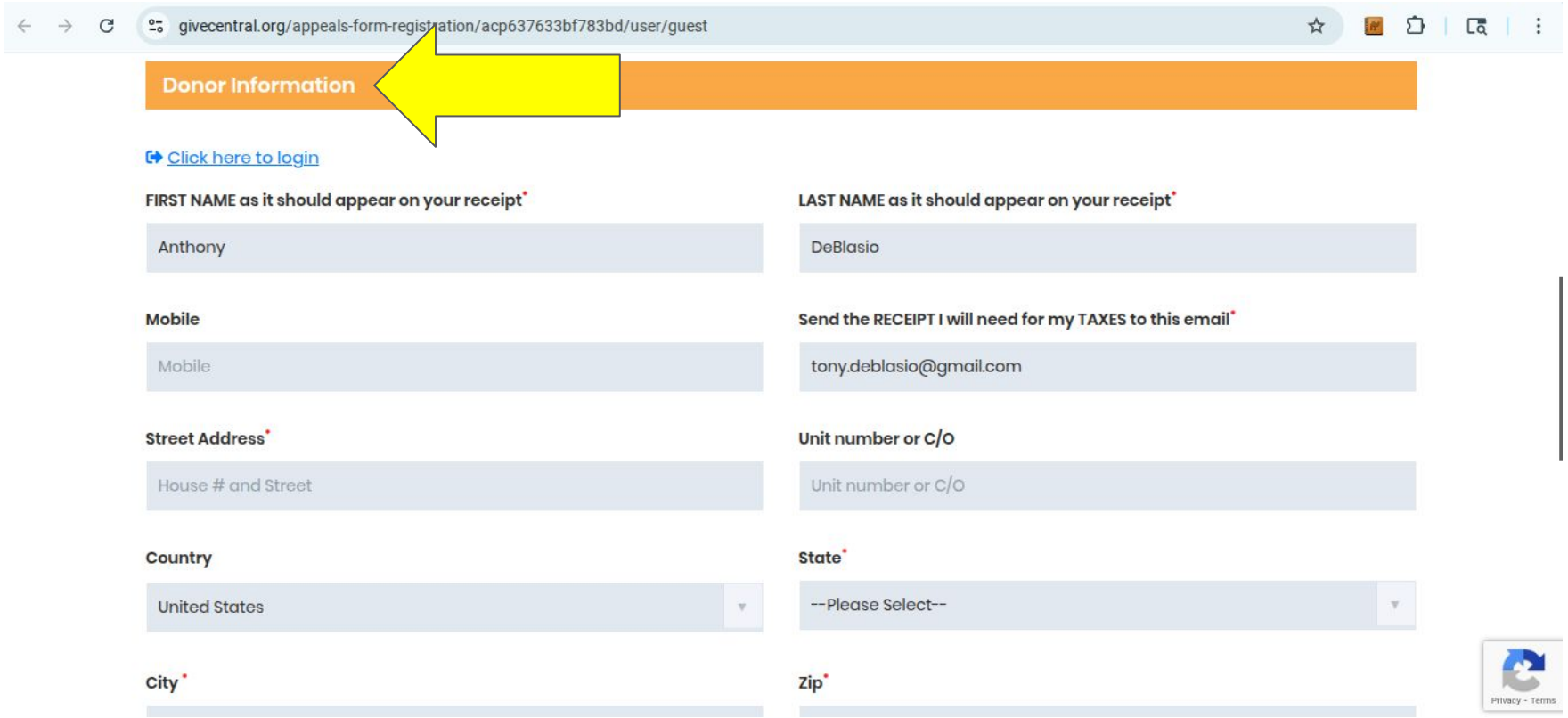
- See following step-by-step instructions

1. Go to https://catholicbestchoice.org/SGO/ and click on “**Donate Now (Online)**”

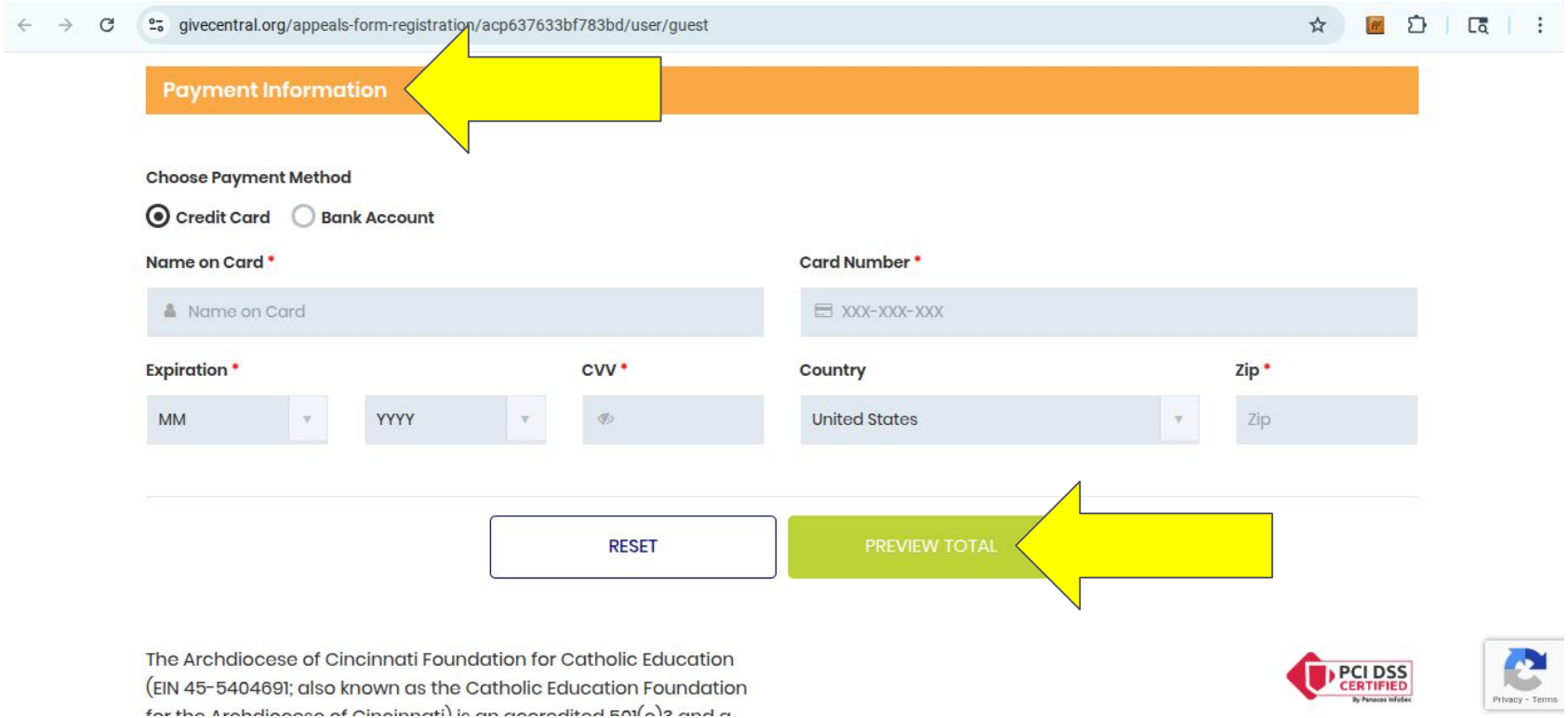
2. Input your **Gift Amount** (up to $750 per donor), and select “**Nativity of our Lord School (Cincinnati) (C00480)**” from the “**For the benefit of…(Select a School)**” dropdown



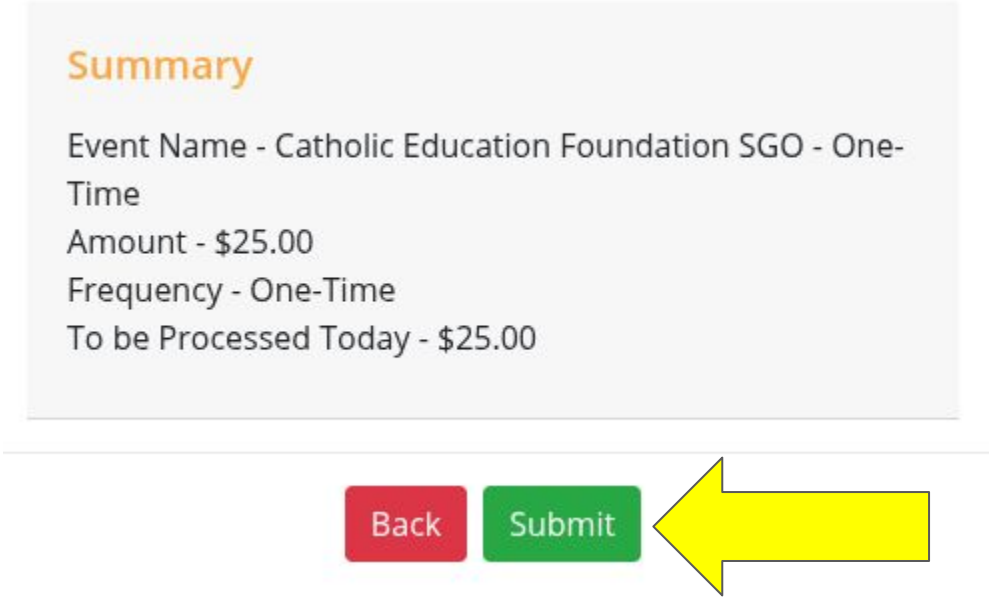
3. Input all **Donor Information**



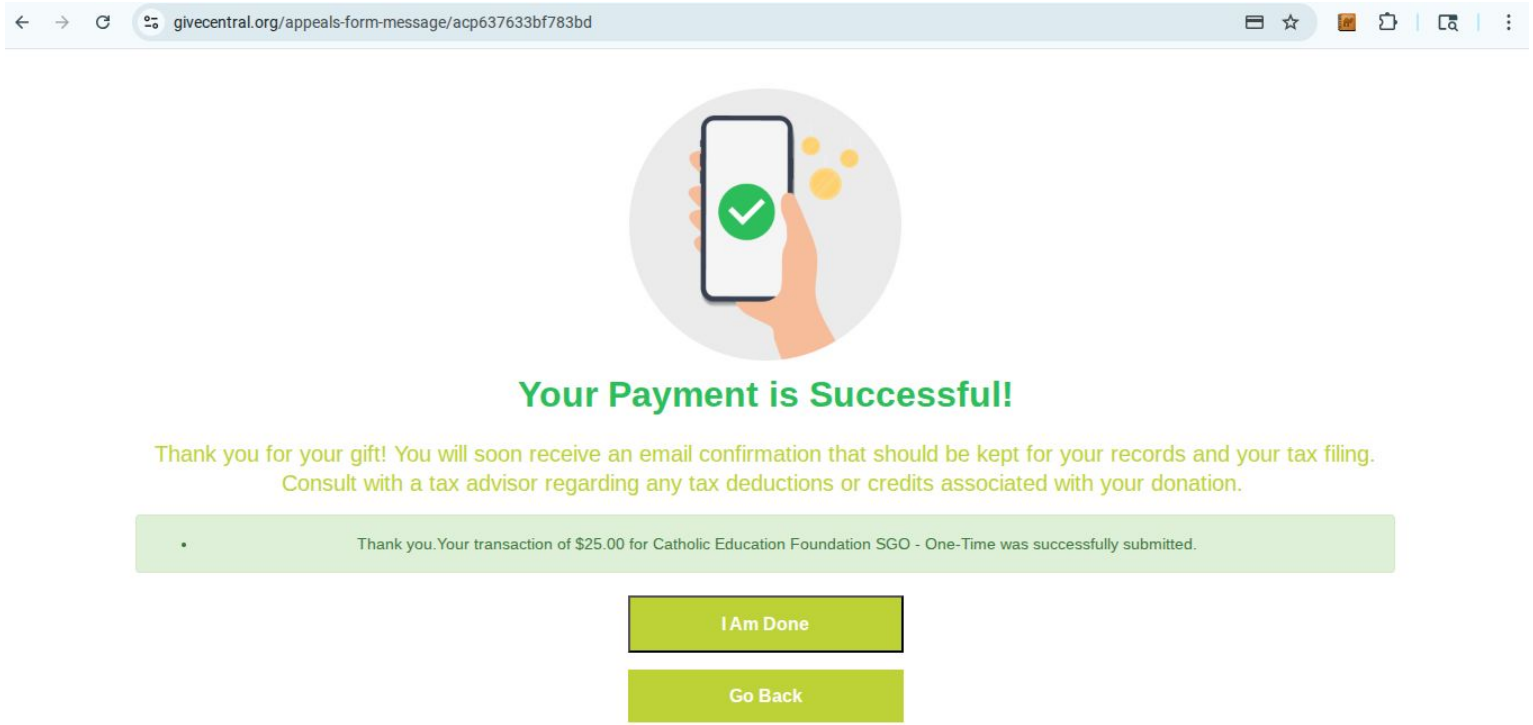
4. Input all **Payment Information**, then click “**Preview Total**”



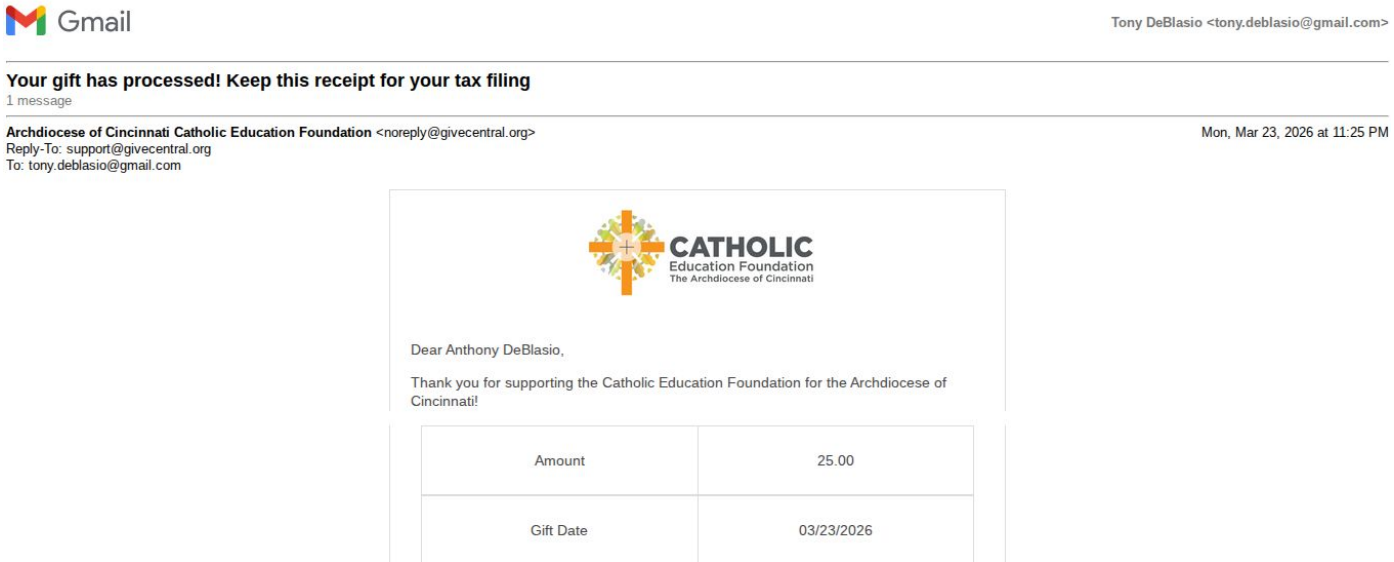
5. On “**Summary**” screen, click “**Submit**”



6. You should be directed to a page stating “**Your Payment is Successful!**”



7. You should receive an email from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Education Foundation with the subject “**Your gift has processed! Keep this receipt for your tax filing**”



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Reply-To: support@givecentral.org
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Education Foundation
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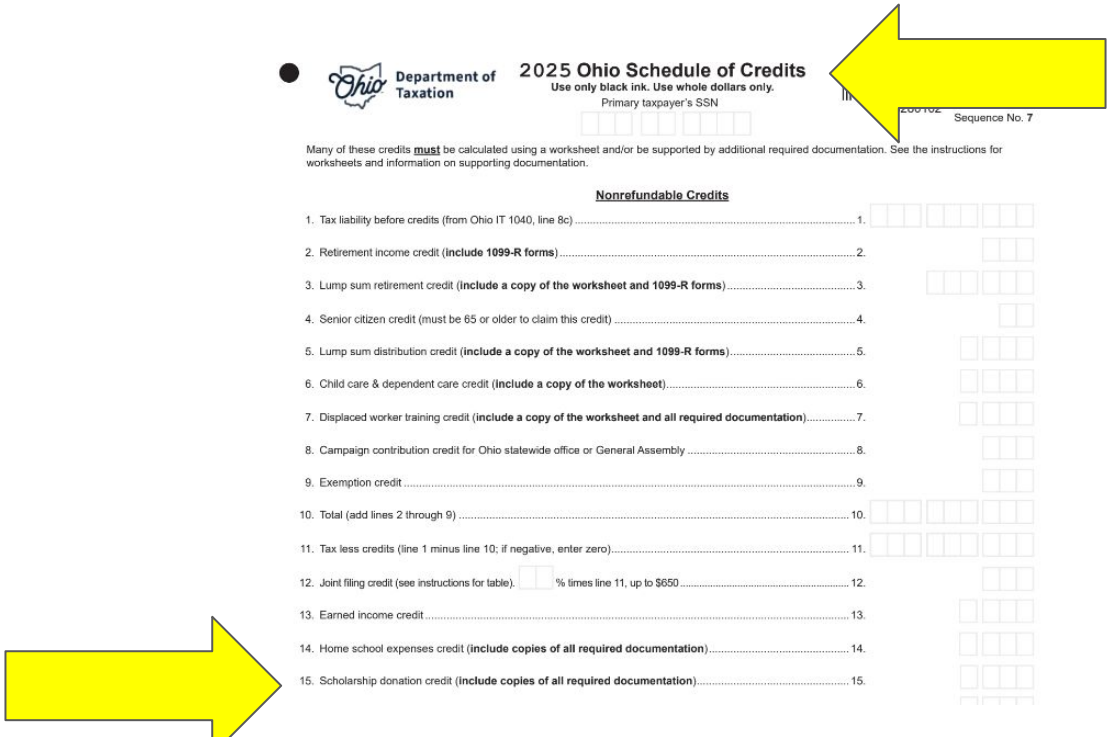
Dear Anthony DeBlasio,

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati!

Amount	25.00
Gift Date	03/23/2026

8. Input the amount donated on line 15 **Scholarship Donation Credit** of your Ohio Schedule of Credits with your Ohio IT 1040 Individual Income Tax Return filing



Department of Taxation

2025 Ohio Schedule of Credits

Use only black ink. Use whole dollars only.

Primary taxpayer's SSN

Sequence No. 7

Many of these credits **must** be calculated using a worksheet and/or be supported by additional required documentation. See the instructions for worksheets and information on supporting documentation.

Nonrefundable Credits

1. Tax liability before credits (from Ohio IT 1040, line 8c) ..... 1.
2. Retirement income credit (**include 1099-R forms**) ..... 2.
3. Lump sum retirement credit (**include a copy of the worksheet and 1099-R forms**) ..... 3.
4. Senior citizen credit (must be 65 or older to claim this credit) ..... 4.
5. Lump sum distribution credit (**include a copy of the worksheet and 1099-R forms**) ..... 5.
6. Child care & dependent care credit (**include a copy of the worksheet**) ..... 6.
7. Displaced worker training credit (**include a copy of the worksheet and all required documentation**) ..... 7.
8. Campaign contribution credit for Ohio statewide office or General Assembly ..... 8.
9. Exemption credit ..... 9.
10. Total (add lines 2 through 9) ..... 10.
11. Tax less credits (line 1 minus line 10; if negative, enter zero) ..... 11.
12. Joint filing credit (see instructions for table). ____ % times line 11, up to $650 ..... 12.
13. Earned income credit ..... 13.
14. Home school expenses credit (**include copies of all required documentation**) ..... 14.
15. Scholarship donation credit (**include copies of all required documentation**) ..... 15.

9. Include a copy of your earlier **email receipt** and proof of payment (i.e. check copy) with your Ohio tax return filing

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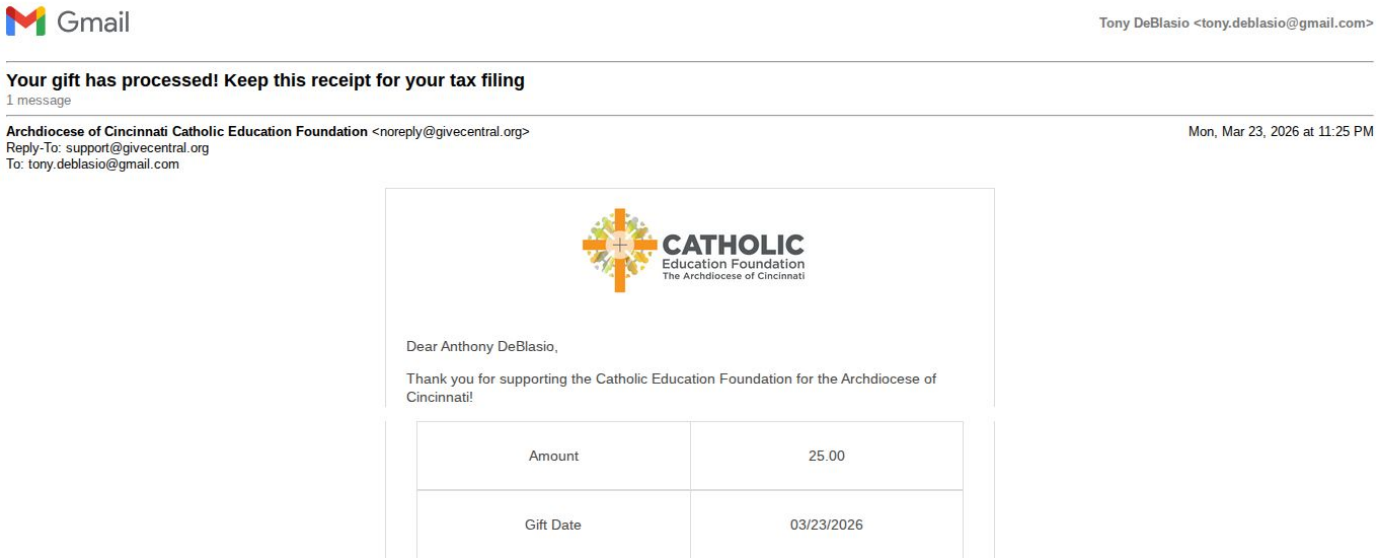
10. If you receive a tax notice from the state of Ohio regarding your Scholarship Donation Credit claimed, reply with the same email receipt and proof of payment as your documentation



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