



DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA



## Claiming your Alabama State Income Tax Credit

Thank you for giving the gift of Catholic education by redirecting your Alabama state tax liability to one of our scholarship granting organizations: *Scholarships for Kids*, *C<sup>2</sup> Opportunity Scholarships*, and *Rocket City SGO*.

This step-by-step guide was created to walk you through the process of claiming your Alabama State Income Tax Credit.

### PART 1: Creating a My Alabama Taxes Account

If this is your first time to claim an income tax credit, you will need to create a My Alabama Taxes (MAT) account through the Alabama Department of Revenue website, [myalabamataxes.alabama.gov](http://myalabamataxes.alabama.gov).

*\*If you have claimed credits in the past, you can skip this step and login with the username and password you have already established.*

Before you can set up a MAT account, you will need:

- Your social security number
- Your Alabama Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from your previous year's state tax return. Your federal AGI will not work.

Step 1: Go to [myalabamataxes.alabama.gov](http://myalabamataxes.alabama.gov) and click the "Don't have a login? Register here" option.

Step 2: From the drop-down box, scroll down to choose "Individual Income Tax," then add your social security number, last name, and your previous year's Alabama AGI.

Step 3: Choose a username, password, secret question, and secret answer. Note: Please record your username and password somewhere safe. You will need this again next year, and the diocese has no way to retrieve lost passwords.

Step 4: Enter your personal contact information.

Step 5: Determine whether or not to allow others to access your accounts. If you use a CPA or professional accounting firm, you may want to allow them access to your account.

Step 6: Before you leave the final screen, we suggest printing the final confirmation screen with your login details. You will receive an email or text with an Authorization Code that you will need the first time you log into the MAT system.

**You are now done with the ADOR MAT registration process.**



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### **PART 2: Registering your donation**

To claim your tax credit, you will be using your My Alabama Taxes (MAT) portal on the Alabama Department of Revenue website.

Step 1: Go to [myalabamataxes.alabama.gov](http://myalabamataxes.alabama.gov). Sign in using your personal username and password. You will be prompted to enter the Authorization Code that you received in order to sign in.

Step 2: Once you are signed in, click on “Donate to SGO” from the menu on the right-hand side of the page.

Step 3: Enter your personal information (home address, email, and telephone number) and select **Scholarships For Kids**, **C<sup>2</sup> Opportunity Scholarships**, or **Rocket City SGO** from the drop-down list. Make sure to enter the exact dollar amount of your donation.

Step 4: Print your confirmation screen and mail your check the same day.

#### **Important Notes About Checks:**

Checks must be for the same amount as the donation amount entered on MAT and must be written from your personal account.

#### **Mail Checks To:**

Scholarships for Kids  
P.O. Box 10204  
Birmingham, AL 35202

C<sup>2</sup> Opportunity Scholarship  
P.O. Box 59188  
Birmingham, AL 35259

Rocket City SGO  
3001 9th Avenue SW, Suite 15B  
Huntsville, AL 35805

#### **Tax Receipts:**

Once the SGO receives and processes your check, they will verify your tax credit on the ADOR website and send you a receipt. After your donation is verified, the Department of Revenue will send you a separate Alabama Tax Credit Receipt.

**Thank you for your support of the students and schools of the Diocese of Birmingham!**

**Schools Served by Scholarships for Kids:**

Sacred Heart School, Anniston  
Holy Family Catholic Academy, Birmingham  
Our Lady of Sorrows, Homewood  
Our Lady of the Valley, Birmingham  
Prince of Peace, Hoover  
St. Francis Xavier, Birmingham  
St. Rose, Birmingham  
Sacred Heart, Cullman  
St. Ann, Decatur  
St. Joseph, Florence  
Holy Family, Huntsville  
Holy Spirit, Huntsville  
St. John the Baptist, Madison  
Holy Spirit Elementary, Tuscaloosa  
Holy Family Cristo Rey High School, Birmingham  
John Carroll High School, Birmingham  
St. John Paul II Catholic High School, Huntsville  
Holy Spirit High School, Tuscaloosa

**Schools Served by C2 Opportunity Scholarships:**

Sacred Heart School, Anniston  
Holy Family Catholic Academy, Birmingham  
Our Lady of Sorrows, Homewood  
Our Lady of the Valley, Birmingham  
Prince of Peace, Hoover  
St. Francis Xavier, Birmingham  
St. Rose, Birmingham  
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**Schools Served by Rocket City SGO:**

Holy Family, Huntsville  
Holy Spirit, Huntsville  
St. John the Baptist, Madison  
St. John Paul II Catholic High School, Huntsville