



The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (STO)

2009 Donation Form

Gifts to the STO must be dated December 31, 2009 or earlier to be eligible for the tax credit. Total credits available are limited and will be provided to donors on a first-come, first-served basis. You will receive a tax credit certificate from the STO in January, 2010 to attach to your Iowa income tax return. If you choose to designate funds to a specific school, we will direct funds to the designated school as possible.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Church Name & City/State: _____

Total gift amount: \$ _____ **SSN: (required)** _____

Signature: _____

Gift Fulfillment:

- My gift payment is included Please contact me for a gift in 2010
(please make checks payable to Iowa Lutheran STO)

Please apply my donation to: (check one)

- Iowa Lutheran STO General Fund: Distribute where needed most
- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trinity Lutheran School, Boone | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Paul Lutheran School, Fort Dodge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trinity Lutheran School, Cedar Rapids | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Paul Lutheran School, Latimer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Valley Lutheran High School, Cedar Falls | <input type="checkbox"/> Central Lutheran School, Newhall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clarinda Lutheran School, Clarinda | <input type="checkbox"/> Zion-St. John Lutheran School, Paullina |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clemons Lutheran School, Clemons | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Paul Lutheran School, Sioux City |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trinity Lutheran School, Davenport | <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School, Spencer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zion Lutheran School, Denison | <input type="checkbox"/> Immanuel Lutheran School, Waterloo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dubuque Lutheran School, Dubuque | <input type="checkbox"/> Lutheran Interparish School, Williamsburg |

The STO is a recognized 501(c)3 organization which may qualify for matching gifts from your employer. Below is the link to the Thrivent GivingPlus Gift Form.

<https://www.thrivent.com/community/files/20729.pdf>

Please mail completed Donation Form and payment to:

Iowa Lutheran STO, 1122 W. Central Park, Davenport, IA 52804

**The deadline for 2010-11 school year donations will be December 31st, 2009.
Donations received in 2010 will be applied to the 2011-2012 school year.**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (STO) was formed in 2006 to help those families who desire Lutheran education for their children but thought it was beyond their reach.

For the 2009-10 school year, the STO was able to provide **\$301,000** in tuition assistance to 337 families representing **503** children. In that same year, there were approximately 1,500 students enrolled in the 15 STO schools, which means that the STO was able to assist about 33% of all students in Lutheran schools throughout the state.

Enrollment in Lutheran schools throughout the state has been declining, and rising tuition costs certainly play a part in that. Through YOUR donation to the STO, you can help those families who really want a Lutheran education for their child but just can't afford it. Your contribution does two things:

1. Helps families who thought they couldn't afford a Lutheran education
2. Helps schools by sending money their way

Money for the 2009-10 school year was distributed as follows:

School	Amount of Assistance	Families Helped	Children
Trinity, Boone	\$3,752	7	13
Trinity, Cedar Rapids	\$38,237	39	58
Clarinda	\$20,948	18	29
Clemons	\$675	2	2
Trinity, Davenport	\$64,472	62	82
Zion, Denison	\$6,001	20	33
Dubuque	\$18,992	15	23
St. Paul, Fort Dodge	\$22,298	31	49
St. Paul, Latimer	\$9,520	13	21
Central, Newhall	\$20,154	26	47
Zion-St. John, Paullina	\$4,005	16	11
St. Paul, Sioux City	\$25,457	15	20
Iowa Great Lakes, Spencer	\$16,637	23	35
Immanuel, Waterloo	\$42,039	36	53
L.I.S., Williamsburg	\$7,608	14	27
TOTAL	\$300,795	337	503

TAX CREDIT

Your donation to the STO is eligible for a 65% tax credit on your Iowa state income taxes. A tax credit is amount that is subtracted right off the taxes you pay, and should not be confused with a tax deduction. All tax questions should be referred to a tax professional.

Example (assuming a \$1,000 gift to the STO)	
Iowa Income tax paid	\$1,000
STO tax credit	(\$650)
Net Iowa income taxes	\$350
Federal charitable gift deduction (15% tax bracket)	(\$150)
Net cost of your \$1,000 gift	\$200

In case you're not sure if you pay Iowa taxes, check your W-2 from your most recent tax return, and see the amount you paid in Iowa state income tax and compare that to line 70 (the amount of your refund). Yes, you do pay taxes.