

# NICSTO Tax Credit Opportunity for Donors

(Northwest Iowa Christian School Tuition Organization)

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The state of Iowa has recognized the need to support taxpayers who wish to support Christian education. Iowa taxpayers can receive an **Iowa tax credit equal to 65%** of their donation to a School Tuition Organization such as NICSTO. In addition, part of your gift might also qualify for a federal tax deduction, if you itemize. The NICSTO program includes sixteen schools in NW Iowa and is a great tax benefit to those who will be paying Iowa taxes on their income, while **blessing many families with tuition assistance.**

## How does it work?

1. You must owe Iowa state income tax.
2. You **make out a check to NICSTO** (Northwest Iowa Christian School Tuition Organization) and designate "Sioux Center Christian School" on the "Contribution Memo" form.
3. Complete the **Contribution Memo form** and send it with the check to Sioux Center Christian School.
4. In early January, you will receive an Iowa tax credit certificate to attach to your Iowa tax form. The tax credit is taken directly off the amount you owe in Iowa State taxes.

*A \$10,000 donation to NICSTO receives a 65% **Iowa tax credit** of \$6,500 on your 2020 IA income tax. You might also be able to deduct \$3,500 (35% of donation) on your Federal Income Tax return, if you itemize.*

If you are 70½ or older, your **IRA charitable rollover distribution** may be gifted to NICSTO, with the double advantage of not counting as income while you still receive the 65% Iowa tax credit.

Gifts in kind of grain, stock, and bonds may also be received.

***Please visit with your tax professional for specific tax implications and advice on how to best enjoy the donation opportunities of NICSTO.***

Your donation to NICSTO directly benefits Sioux Center Christian families. In the 2019-20 school year, 126 families received a total of \$219,400 to help cover tuition costs.

**The Sioux Center Christian School contribution goal for 2020-21 is \$364,872.**

## When do donations need to be sent in?

Please send in donations **by December 10, 2020**. **If you intend to donate, but don't know the amount until after you meet with your tax preparer** in December, please contact Kelli or Amy before as soon as possible with your intention to donate - it may still be possible to donate after Dec. 10, but **it is best to donate early!** Once NICSTO reaches its total goal of \$2,073,422, no more donations may be received.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelli Van Roekel or Amy Vander Berg at Sioux Center Christian School (712-722-0777).



# NICSTO

## Northwest Iowa Christian School Tuition Organization

Phone: 712-395-3018

### CONTRIBUTION MEMO - 2020

This completed memo must accompany your contribution.  
An Iowa Tax Credit Certificate will be sent to you in January 2021.

_____ Taxpayer/C or S Corporation/LLC/Partnership Name	_____ Date of Contribution	
_____ Address	_____ Amount of Contribution	
_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip Code
Email: _____	Phone: _____	
_____ Social Security Number or Taxpayer I.D. Number		
Please apply my contribution to the following school(s): _____		

### Please make check payable to: NICSTO

Your contribution may be mailed or delivered to either of the following addresses:

**Sioux Center Christian School**  
**Attn: NICSTO**  
**630 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SE**  
**Sioux Center, IA 51250**

Northwest Iowa Christian Schools Tuition  
Organization  
204 Kentucky Ave NW  
Orange City, IA 51041

*The donation will be given to the school where it is needed most, unless you list the school of your choice above.*

#### Schools in NICSTO:

Clearlake Classical Academy (2020)	Netherlands Reformed Christian S.	Sioux Center Christian School
Hull Christian School	North Iowa Christian School	Siouxland Christian School
Hull Protestant Reformed School	Orange City Christian School	Unity Christian High School
Inwood Christian School	Rock Valley Christian School	Western Christian High School
Ireton Christian School	Sanborn Christian School	
Kanawha Christian Academy	Sheldon Christian School	