What is Georgia GOAL?

In the simplest of terms, this program allows Georgia taxpayers to request from the State of Georgia permission to contribute funds to George Walton Academy to be used as scholarships for students that leave public school to come to GWA in exchange for a 100% tax credit for the amount that is approved.

What is the significance of an income tax credit?

If you work in the State of Georgia, then you accumulate an income tax liability. When you receive approval to contribute and submit your contribution to Georgia GOAL, the contribution reduces your tax liability. For example, if you accrue in 2024 an income tax liability of \$3,000, and you are approved to contribute and submit \$2,500 to Georgia GOAL, the contribution will reduce your tax liability by \$2,500. **YES — all \$2,500** will go to GWA, and your liability to the State of Georgia will be reduced by \$2,500.

How much can I contribute?

The Georgia GOAL contribution limits are determined by tax filing status as follows:

Single Filer \$2,500
Married Separate Filer \$2,500
Married Joint Filer \$5,000

Pass-Through Owner (not making HB 149 election)* \$25,000

How does the process work?

1. Apply Now

Complete the 2024 GOAL Tax Credit Application (takes a couple of minutes!)

2. GOAL Submits to DOR

GOAL will submit your application to the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) on the first business day of January 2024.

3. Approval

By mid-January 2024, GOAL and DOR will notify you of the approved tax credit amount and payment deadline.

4. Make Payment

Pay GOAL by check, credit card, or ACH within 60 days of DOR approval (by mid-March 2024).

5. Claim the Credit

GOAL will send you Form IT-QEE-SSO1 (tax receipt) in May 2024 for claiming the credit on your Georgia income tax return in 2025.

How do I claim my tax credit?

Specific information and tax filing guidance for your Georgia GOAL contribution can be found HERE.

<u>APPLY NOW</u> and join our campaign to strengthen our school's ability to support families that need some assistance to take advantage of the excellent George Walton Academy education that we offer this community.

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