

# Ways to Give to Hallahan

## Annual Appeal

Write a check or make a credit card donation online to the Hallahan Annual Appeal. Donations go towards school operations, tuition assistance and academic programs.

## Stocks & Securities

Transfer ownership of equities, bonds, insurance or 401(k) disbursements, and benefit by special tax savings.

## Planned Giving

Include Hallahan in your estate planning.

## Sponsor a Student

Join the Archdiocesan program that allows you to sponsor a student with full-year or partial-year tuition.

## EITC or OSTC

Consider individual or business TAX CREDITS that go with one-year (75%) or two-year (90%) donations to tuition assistance through these two programs.



To learn more about how individuals and businesses can support Hallahan through these programs, please contact:

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## BLOCS SCHOLARSHIP LLC

A special purpose limited liability company established to provide tuition assistance scholarships to low income families through the use of Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs. These programs allow members to receive up to a 90% tax credit against their personal PA state tax liability. Essentially, you turn your PA tax liability into scholarships! Individual or legal entities with a \$300k household income may join BLOCS in the BLOCS Scholarship LLC. The BLOCS Scholarship LLC does require a 2 year commitment and a minimum capital contribution of \$7,000.00. **Contact BLOCS for directions on how to apply.**



John W. Hallahan  
CATHOLIC GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL



# EITC

The Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program

# OSTC

The Pennsylvania Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program

Help Us Ensure Our Future,  
as We Educate and Maximize  
the Potential of Young  
Women in Philadelphia.

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Dear Friends:

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School is excited to collaborate with BLOCS (Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools) in securing donations to Pennsylvania's **Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC)** and the **Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program (OSTC)**. Through these programs, the state distributes millions in tax credits to individuals and business that contribute to state-certified organizations as Opportunity Scholarship Organizations. Persons can contribute to BLOCS, receive tax credits, and direct their donations to the school(s) of their choice. BLOCS then provides this financial support to students and families seeking a quality education. You turn your tax dollars into scholarships! Contributions through EITC and OSTC are now one of the best education support resources in the state. Together, BLOCS and Hallahan will work to ensure that these programs positively assist those young women who attend, or wish to attend, our great school. I hope you will consider being our partner in educating the young women of Philadelphia...

Sincerely,



Dianna Geist  
Director of Annual Fund & Major Gifts

PS: Tax credits are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to act fast!

## The Following PA State Taxes Qualify for EITC and OSTC Tax Credits:

- Personal Income Tax
- S-Corporation Income Tax
- C-Corporation Net Income Tax
- Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax
- Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax
- Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax
- Insurance Premiums Tax
- Malt Beverage Tax
- Mutual Thrift Tax
- Retaliatory Fees under PA Section 212

## IMPORTANT FACTS RELATED TO EITC:

- The state legislature has budgeted \$135 million in the EITC tax credit program. Contributions are eligible for a 75% tax credit for a one-year commitment and 90% for a two-year commitment.
- Donate \$10,000 and receive a \$9,000 credit toward your state income taxes. You are also eligible to receive a Federal Deduction for the contribution. After both, you may pay as little as \$600 for the right to direct your \$9,000 tax credit directly to Hallahan.
- An individual or business may use up to \$750,000 in tax credits in any one year.
- Our mission is to provide families seeking a private or faith based education for their children access to these schools as an alternative to their neighborhood public school. Families are eligible for scholarships if they meet the income and geographic guidelines established by the state. If eligible, these families will receive tuition assistance through Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools ("BLOCS", the charity) to attend Hallahan.

## IMPORTANT FACTS RELATED TO OSTC:

- In addition to the \$135 million allowed under the EITC program, companies can apply with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for up to \$75 million in OSTC tax credits.
- Businesses that make a one-year donation to BLOCS may receive a 75% tax credit. Businesses that make a two-year commitment to BLOCS may increase their tax credit to 90%.
- This program specifically benefits students who transfer from "poor-performing" schools as identified by the Department of Education. Multiple public schools in the surrounding neighborhoods of Hallahan presently qualify as "poor-performing."

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be submitted electronically. The EITC and OSTC Programs are administered by the Department of Community & Economic Development. Individuals and businesses can apply through an online application.

The application process is detailed and can be facilitated by working with the school or BLOCS. Contact us directly to identify your intentions, and a representative will assist you in the process.

## DEADLINES

New applicants must apply by **July 1**.

Renewals should be completed between **May 15** and **June 30** of each year.

