

# Using Your PA Tax Dollars for TMS Scholarships

### "What's in it for me?"

- Donors receive 90% of their contribution in the form of a tax credit on their PA state taxes (e.g. \$9,000 tax credit for a \$10,000 contribution) by check or direct deposit in the fourth quarter for the Fall cycle and the first quarter for the Spring cycle.
- Donors feel the positive impact of providing a qualified child with a world class education that would otherwise be unattainable.

### "Who qualifies?"

- You must be an employee, owner, or shareholder of a business authorized to do business in Pennsylvania OR you are retired or a non-profit employee who owns stock (at least 1 share) in a business that operates in PA.
- For individuals, you will find your PA tax liability located on your PA-40 tax form, line 12, of your most recent return.
- For individuals and businesses, the minimum contribution is \$3,500.
- You do NOT have to use your entire tax liability as your donation.

### "How does it work?"

- Donors will complete a Joinder Agreement which reserves the amount of credits you wish to apply for.
- The reservations are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Once your reservation is processed, our scholarship organization partner, Central PA Scholarship Fund (CPSF), will send you a request for the donation check.
- 100% of your contribution goes to The Montessori School in the form of scholarship donations.

# "How do I apply this to my taxes?"

- CPSF will send donors a K-1 packet for tax filing purposes.
- Your commitment will result in 90% of your contribution as a credit against your taxes.
- This is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in your PA tax payment, and are actual PA tax credits, not deductions.
- Tax preparers may contact CPSF with any questions about the K-1's.

#### "Where can I find more information?"

- Visit The Montessori School EITC/OSTC webpage <u>PA TAXES AND YOU</u> (or copy and paste this link <u>https://bit.ly/2SzANy8</u> into your browser). You will find this and more:
  - Pre-recorded Information Session: PA Taxes and Scholarships Powered by EITC Donations Webinar of September 28, 2020.
  - The Joinder Agreement for downloading, filling out, and submitting.
  - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS link to CPSF.

# Questions? Contact development@themontessorischool.us