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Mid-South Association of Independent Schools Endorses AIMS as Its Scholarship Granting Organization Partner

MAIS Board Votes to Endorse AIMS

Pearl, Mississippi — The Mid-South Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) is pleased to announce that, after a comprehensive review of the new Federal Tax Credit Scholarship Law and Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) options, its Board of Directors has voted to endorse AIMS as the preferred Scholarship Granting Organization for its network of more than 130 member schools across Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

"We are incredibly grateful to be endorsed by the Mid-South Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) as its preferred SGO, reflecting a shared mission between our two organizations to serve students and families in providing educational opportunities they believe best meet their needs," said Jeremy Nicholas, CEO of AIMS. "Our goal is to provide trusted, dependable service in the administration of the new federal income tax credit scholarships which we believe will be transformational for families and schools."

AIMS gives taxpayers a direct way to turn their federal tax bill into a scholarship by redirecting up to \$1,700 per year into student scholarships. Contributors to an SGO receive a dollar-for-dollar federal income tax credit in return (up to \$1,700). Families with qualifying incomes – 300% or less of the area median gross income – can then apply for those scholarships through a guided online application, with real-time status tracking from submission to award. The platform also gives participating schools a dedicated portal to verify enrollment, track awards, and manage disbursements, built to make the entire process transparent for taxpayers, families, and schools alike.

As states prepare to implement the Federal Tax Credit Scholarships beginning January 1, 2027, AIMS is positioned to provide independent schools with a proven, turnkey solution for administering the program, helping families access the PK-12 education that best fits their children's needs.

"The MAIS endorsement of AIMS reflects our commitment to placing the needs of our member schools first. We sought a Scholarship Granting Organization that would work alongside MAIS, understand the unique mission of the independent schools in our association, and maximize scholarship opportunities for the families we serve," said Barrett Donahoe, Executive Director, MAIS.

Taxpayers and families interested in the new federal tax credit scholarships can learn more and join the AIMS interest list at aimssgo.org, and can learn more about MAIS at <https://home.msais.org/test2/index.php>.

About AIMS

AIMS is a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) that empowers taxpayers to redirect dollar-for-dollar federal tax credits into scholarships for local students. Through a simple, transparent platform, AIMS connects taxpayer contributions directly to income-qualifying families, helping students reach schools that best fit their needs.

About Mid-South Association of Independent Schools

Founded in 1968, the Mid-South Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) is a nonprofit association representing more than 130 independent schools across Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Arkansas, serving nearly 40,000 students. MAIS is responsible for school accreditation, teacher certification, and governance of athletic competition among its member schools, and works to promote educational excellence and empower member schools to thrive in pursuit of their missions.

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