



## **Education Freedom Scholarships**

*Emergency Assistance for ALL Students and Families*

- Children in all K-12 schools, public and private, have been affected by COVID-19.
  - 100,000 public schools across the country serving 50 million students
  - 35,000 private schools across the country serving 5 million students
- Particularly at a time when public schools are choosing not to reopen and have proven inadequate at providing high-quality distance learning, parents should decide which school best meets their child's needs.
- All families should have the same choices of schools that wealthier families already have for their children.
- Direct emergency educational assistance will prevent families from losing access to the school they had chosen before the pandemic.
- COVID-19 has caused many parents to lose their jobs and there are fewer scholarships available because there has been less charitable giving.
  - 43% of parents living with children report they or a family member has lost a job or work hours due to COVID-19.
  - Just over half of low-income families reported job losses, including 62% of Hispanic families, and 50% of black families.
  - If trends of the first quarter persist over the entire year, charitable organizations could see a \$25 billion loss in revenue.

### **Education Freedom Scholarships can help ALL students return to the school they attended before the pandemic by:**

- Authorizing one-time, emergency appropriations funding for scholarship-granting organizations in each state.
  - Scholarship granting organizations would be authorized to use the one-time funding to provide families with direct educational assistance, including private school tuition and home schooling expenses.
  - Parents could choose the academic instruction that works best for their child.
- Allowing states identify and support scholarship granting organizations that work for the unique needs of students in their state.
- Prohibiting federal control of education to ensure that all education providers may be able to participate, without fear of federal control.