Utah State Board of Education

EDUCATION FREEDOM TAX CREDIT:
SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATION (SGO) ASSURANCES

The SGO assures the organization:

- Is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Is organized at least in part to grant educational scholarships.
- Has policies in place to carry out criminal background checks on all employees and board members to ensure that no individual is involved with the organization who might reasonably pose a risk to the appropriate use of contributed funds.
- Will contract with an independent certified public accountant for an annual financial audit of the scholarship granting organization.
- Will provide a copy of the annual financial audit to the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) at fiscal year end and must make the annual financial audit available to any member of the public upon request.
- Will allow taxpayers to designate a participating school for which the taxpayers' contribution must be used. Donors are not required to choose a school.
- Will not allow a specific student to be designated for scholarships.
- Will use ninety percent (90%) of the total amount of contributions for scholarships.
- Will distribute one hundred percent (100%) of any interest earned on contributions as scholarships.
- Will provide a receipt to donors for contributions made to the scholarship granting organization for their records. The receipt must indicate the value of the contribution, the donor's unique identity number, and the name of school/LEA designated by the donor (if one is chosen).
- Will complete reporting required by the USBE, Utah Tax Commission, US Department of Education, and US Department of Treasury.
- Will provide the USBE with actual or electronic copies of policies, procedures, promotional and descriptive materials about the program, and eligibility criteria and applications, upon request.

Acknowledgements:

- The USBE may suspend or terminate the certification of an organization as a scholarship granting organization if the USBE establishes that the scholarship

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granting organization has intentionally or substantially failed to comply with the requirement of this agreement or the regulations of the US Treasury.

- The USBE may conduct a financial review or an audit of a scholarship granting organization certified under this program.

Cancellation

The Scholarship Granting Organization may cancel this Agreement and voluntarily rescind its certification upon ten (10) days' written notice to the USBE. Upon cancellation under this section, the USBE may request a final financial audit of the scholarship granting organization.

Certification of Scholarship Granting Organization

I hereby certify that the scholarship granting organization agrees to the assurances and acknowledges the possibility of suspension or termination of its SGO certification.

Signature of Authorized Agent	Date
Printed name of Authorized Agent	Title