

## Special Purpose Entity (SPE) FAQs

### **Q. What is the Central Pennsylvania Special Purpose Entity LLC?**

The Central Pennsylvania Special Purpose Entity LLC is a new class of pass-through partnership that exists solely for the purpose of obtaining Educational Improvement Credits (EITC/OSTC). It was created by Randy Tarpey, Owner and CPA, of Sickler, Tarpey & Associates in Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

### **Q. What is the purpose of the Central Pennsylvania Special Purpose Entity?**

The Central Pennsylvania Special Purpose Entity LLC was established to provide tuition assistance scholarships to income eligible families through the use of Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs.

### **Q. When was the Central Pennsylvania Special Purpose Entity formed?**

With the amendment to Article XVII-F of the Tax Reform Code through Act 194, effective October 31, 2014, the EITC/OSTC definition of "business firm" and "pass-through entity" was expanded to allow for the use of credits on joint and personal income tax returns. Randy established the Central Pennsylvania Special Purpose Entity LLC on August 7, 2015, Entity number 6275436 and the Special Purpose Entity 2 LLC on December 19, 2016, Entity number 6488599  
<https://www.corporations.pa.gov/search/corpsearch>

### **Q. Who is Randy Tarpey?**

Randy Tarpey has been a Certified Professional Accountant, License Number CA032075R, since 1993. His firm has several locations in Central Pennsylvania. Active in both his profession and the community, Randy gives freely of his time to the Central Pennsylvania Special Purpose Entity.

### **Q. Why did Randy Tarpey create the Central Pennsylvania Special Purpose Entity?**

With a passion to help more children in Pennsylvania receive a quality, Christian education, Randy Tarpey established the Central Pennsylvania Special Purpose Entity. This vehicle for giving allows individuals and other legal entities not qualified to receive credits directly from Pennsylvania an opportunity to receive the same tax benefit.

### **Q. Do I have to be an accredited investor to receive credits through the SPE?**

The Central Pennsylvania Special Purpose Entity at present offers membership to individuals/couples with a minimum PA tax liability of \$3500. As of April 2017, we are working to amend the Operating Agreement to clarify participation requirements. At present we are accepting non-binding credit requests with the intent to revise the membership criteria by July 2017.

### **Q. How long after I purchase credits until my designated school receives my donation?**

Within 60 days following the receipt of the SPE's approval letter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania upon completion of member payment, the SPE will make payment to the designated, eligible charity in an amount equal to the credits awarded.

FAQ's provided by Christian Schools Assoc. of Greater Harrisburg.  
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