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**Afterschool Leader Urges Administration to Quickly and Unequivocally Confirm that
Tax Credit Scholarships Can Support Quality Afterschool and Summer Learning Programs,
No Matter Where They Are Based**

Statement of Jodi Grant, Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance

"The temporary and draft guidance the Department of Treasury released for the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit is a strong first step that will give many nonprofits, donors, and families the clarity they need to start utilizing the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit. But it is unclear which programs will be covered. The Afterschool Alliance is urging the Department to waste no time in confirming that scholarships will be able to be used for community-based, faith-based and for-profit afterschool and summer learning programs – including those at libraries, museums, community and science centers, college campuses, and elsewhere – as well as those based at schools. That would ensure maximum choice for parents and be consistent with the legislative history, existing federal and state laws, and local practices across the nation.

The answer can't come soon enough. Most scholarship granting organizations (SGOs) will have to form as new nonprofits and they have just three months to do so before the new Tax Credit Scholarships take effect next January. The promise of this new initiative, to make afterschool and summer learning programs available to many of the [millions of students now shut out](#), depends on the answer to that question.

As we await this clarity, we encourage SGOs, both existing and newly forming, to partner with statewide afterschool networks and with local afterschool and summer program providers to ensure families will be able to access these scholarships. And we encourage taxpayers to seek out SGOs that support access to quality afterschool and summer programs. Done right, this credit gives taxpayers the ability to put a great afterschool program within reach for millions more of our nation's children."

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The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.