



DEMOCRATS *for*
EDUCATION REFORM

The Federal Scholarship Tax Credit

**VOTERS WANT THEIR
GOVERNORS TO OPT IN**

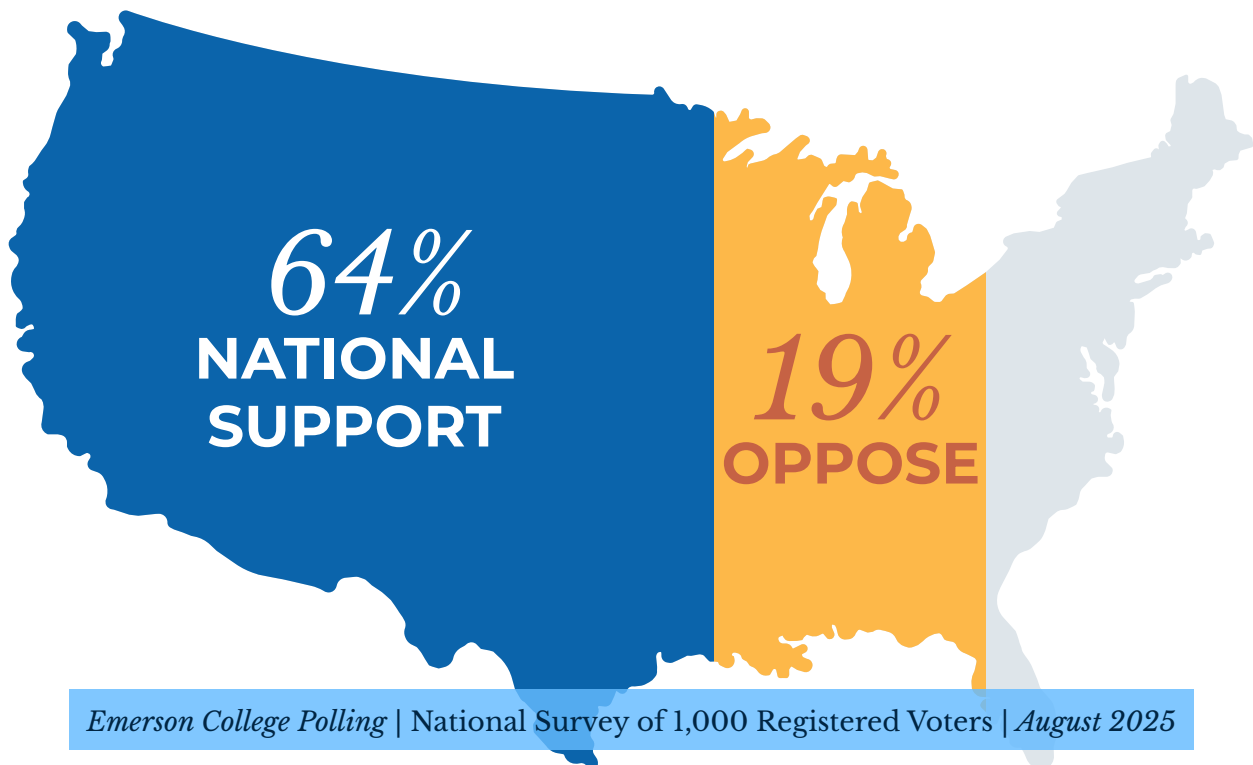
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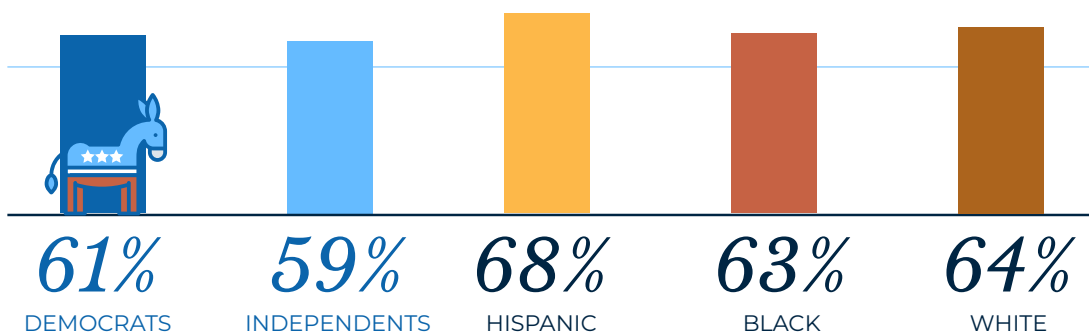
National Overview

Enacted on July 4, 2025, the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit (FSTC) created the nation's first federal scholarship tax credit. Individuals can claim up to \$1,700 annually for contributions to scholarship-granting organizations that support eligible K-12 students.

The credit helps families access tutoring, exam fees, test preparation, internet service, and special-needs supports. As of February 2026, 27 states have already signaled plans to participate, and polling shows broad public support—giving governors a practical way to expand opportunities for families without new state spending.



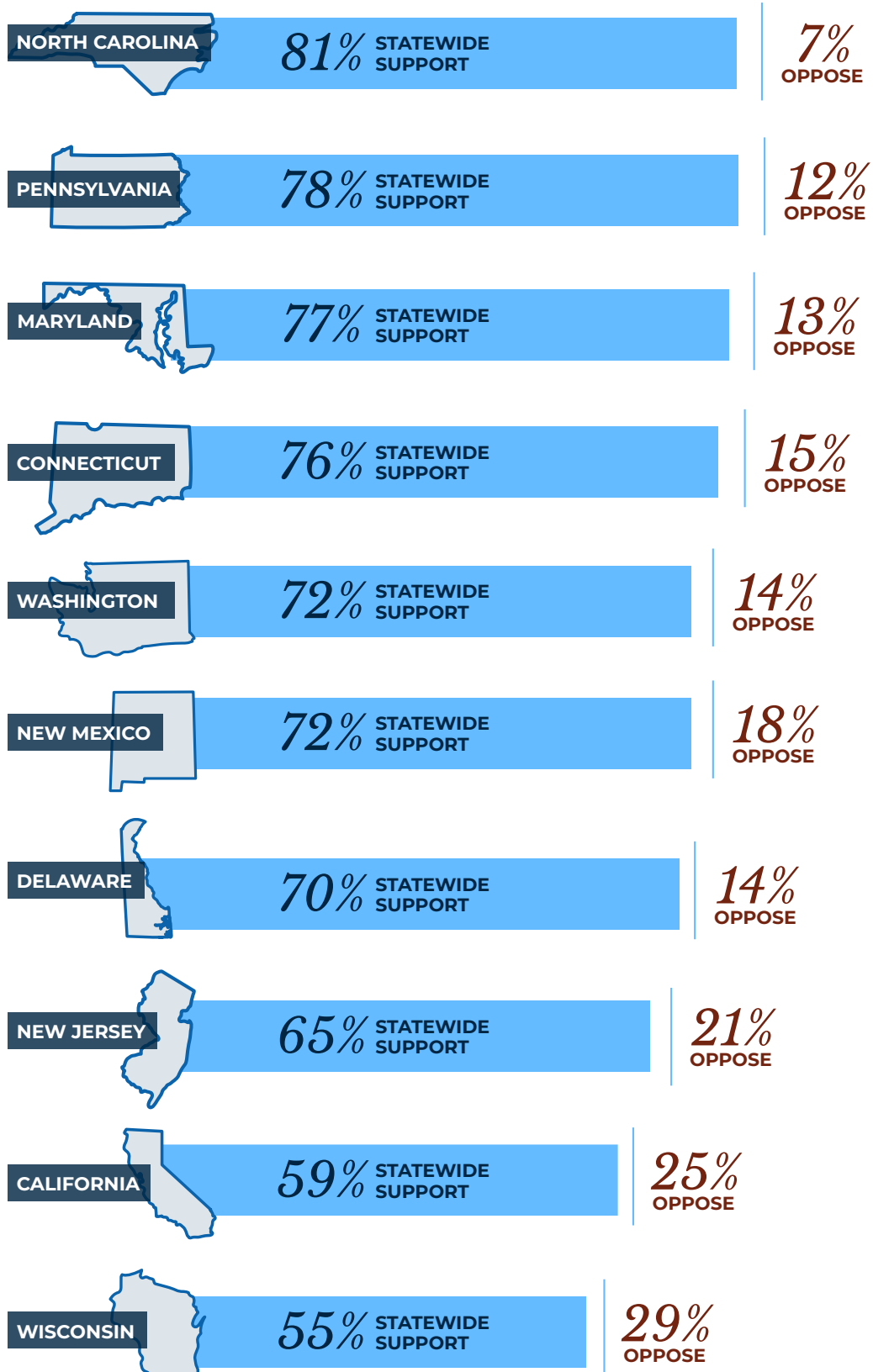
Widespread Support



All Voters *Want This*



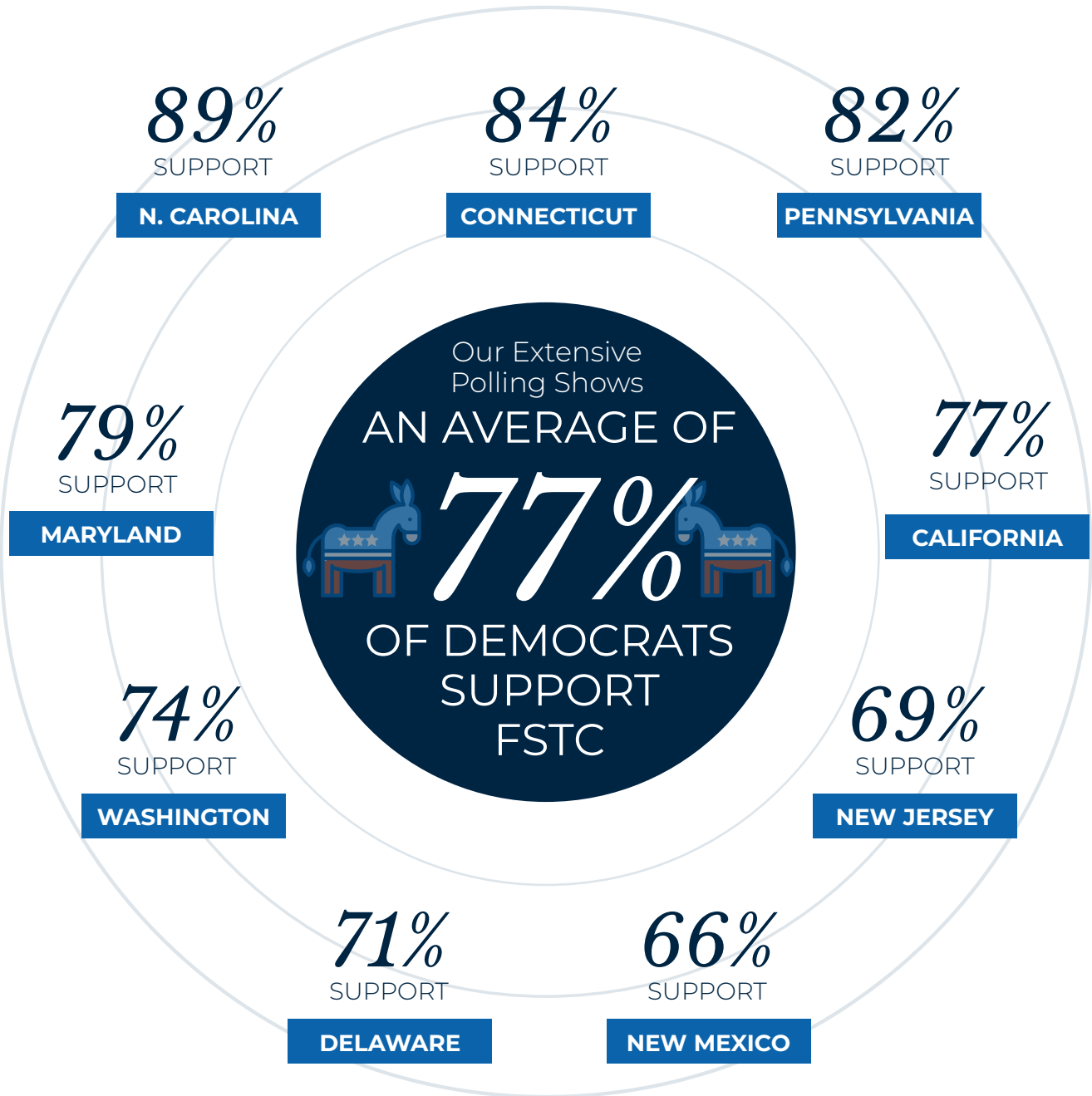
States with Democratic Governors support FSTC



Democratic Voters *Want This*

This Isn't a Red State Issue

Even in deep blue states like California (77% Dem support) and Connecticut (84%), Democratic voters want their Governor to opt in. Opposing FSTC means opposing what your own voters are asking for.

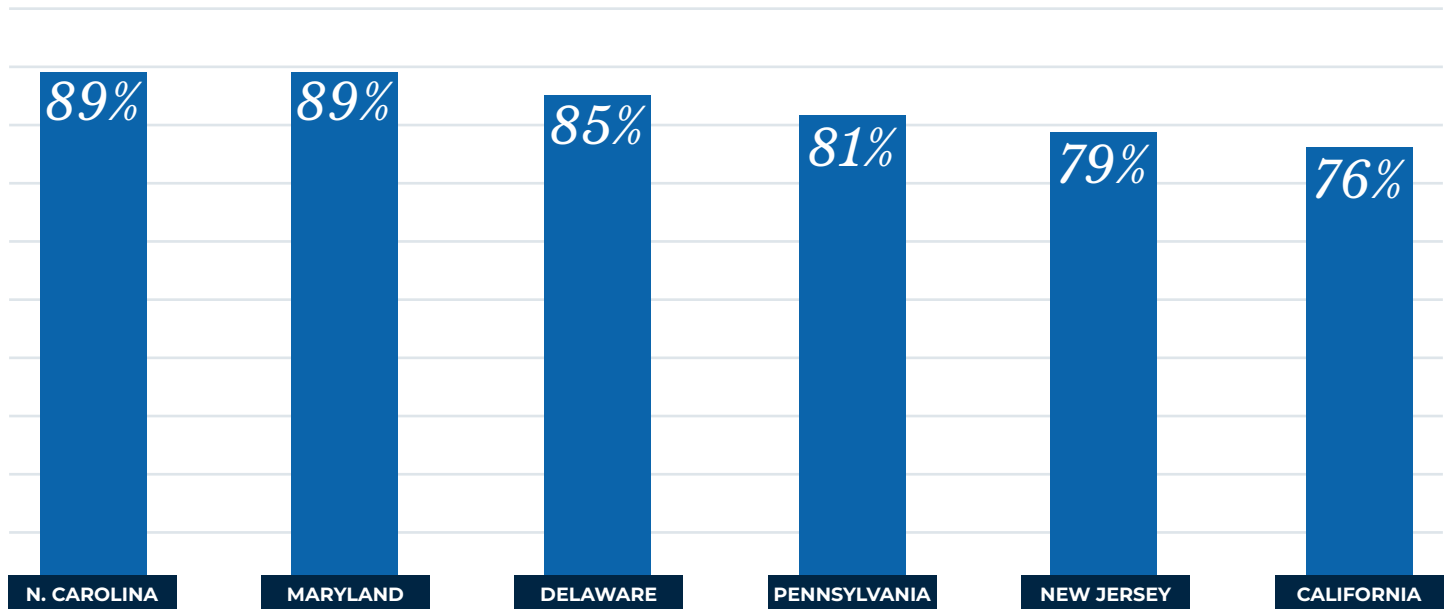


In every state polled, a majority of Democratic voters support opting into FSTC.

Key Demographic Groups *Support FSTC*

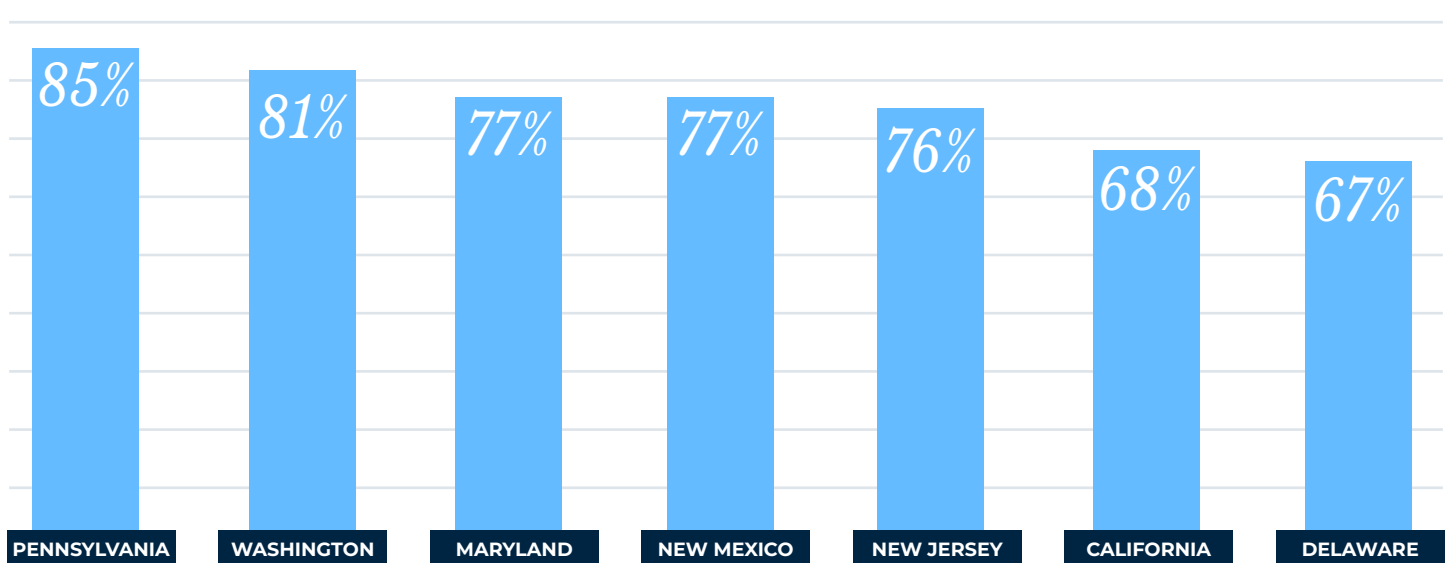


Over 75% of black voters support opting-in



Black Voter Support By State

Over 76% of hispanic/latino voters support opting-in



Hispanic/Latino Voter Support by State

What FSTC Covers

The Federal Tax Credit Scholarship Program is designed to benefit ALL students — not just those in private schools.

For Public School Students

- Academic tutoring
- Internet services
- Test preparation courses
- Special-needs services
- Exam fees
- Educational materials



Coverdell law (26 U.S. Code § 530) serves as the legal reference point for defining qualified education expenses for the FSTC program.

Low and middle income families will benefit from this program.

FSTC is designed to expand access—not just for those who can already afford alternatives.

How It Works

1. Donors receive federal tax credits for contributions to scholarship-granting organizations
2. SGOs distribute scholarships to eligible families
3. Families use funds for approved educational expenses
4. No cost to state budgets—funded entirely through federal tax credits

Voters are looking for action.
MEET THE MOMENT.

64% OF VOTERS NATIONALLY
WANT THEIR GOVERNORS
TO OPT-IN TO FSTC

77% OF DEMOCRATIC VOTERS
ACROSS 9 STATES SUPPORT
OPTING-IN



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