



SGO Start-Up Accelerator

With the growth of education freedom and the new Education Freedom Tax Credit, yes. every kid. foundation. is excited to announce, “SGO Start-Up Accelerator,” continuing our work to identify and elevate the next generation of non-profit Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs).

The start-up accelerator’s goal is to prioritize families from the beginning, scale the number of students with access to education freedom around the country, and empower local communities.

About the Upcoming Cohort

10-12 leaders will be selected to participate in a cohort-based accelerator designed to spark self-sustaining, high-impact SGOs rooted in families-first principles. If selected for the cohort, participants should be prepared to attend **an in-person launch in Arlington, VA on November 9 and 10.**

Cohort members will receive:



Structured Training and Mentorship

Cohort-based learning combined with one-on-one mentorship including an in-person kick-off bootcamp and virtual workshops with guest speakers and real-world case studies to prepare participants for launch and long-term sustainability. Travel reimbursements will be made available to all participants for the in-person kick-off bootcamp.



Support Services

Access to services including legal guidance, graphic design, fundraising training, and more.



Alumni Network

Ongoing access to a growing community of practice of SGO leaders.



Microgrants (\$10,000—\$20,000)

Flexible seed funding to accelerate operational readiness and support critical early-stage needs, such as infrastructure, legal compliance, or technology investments.

How to Apply

To apply, [please fill out this application](#), which requires 1) contact information, 2) a 1–2 page proposal, and 3) contact information for a professional reference.

An ideal proposal will answer the following:

- What inspired you to start an SGO and what problem are you aiming to solve in your community?
- Will your SGO prioritize any particular population?
- In your first 24 months, how many students do you anticipate serving?
- In which state(s) are you going to be seeking approval to operate in?
- What support do you believe you will need most?

Applications are due by Tuesday, October 13, 2026, and accepted cohort members will be notified no later than October 26, 2026. The cohort will kick off in November 2026.