



# **SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS**

**AND THEIR POTENTIAL IMPACT  
IN ALASKA**

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# CHOICE IN ALASKA

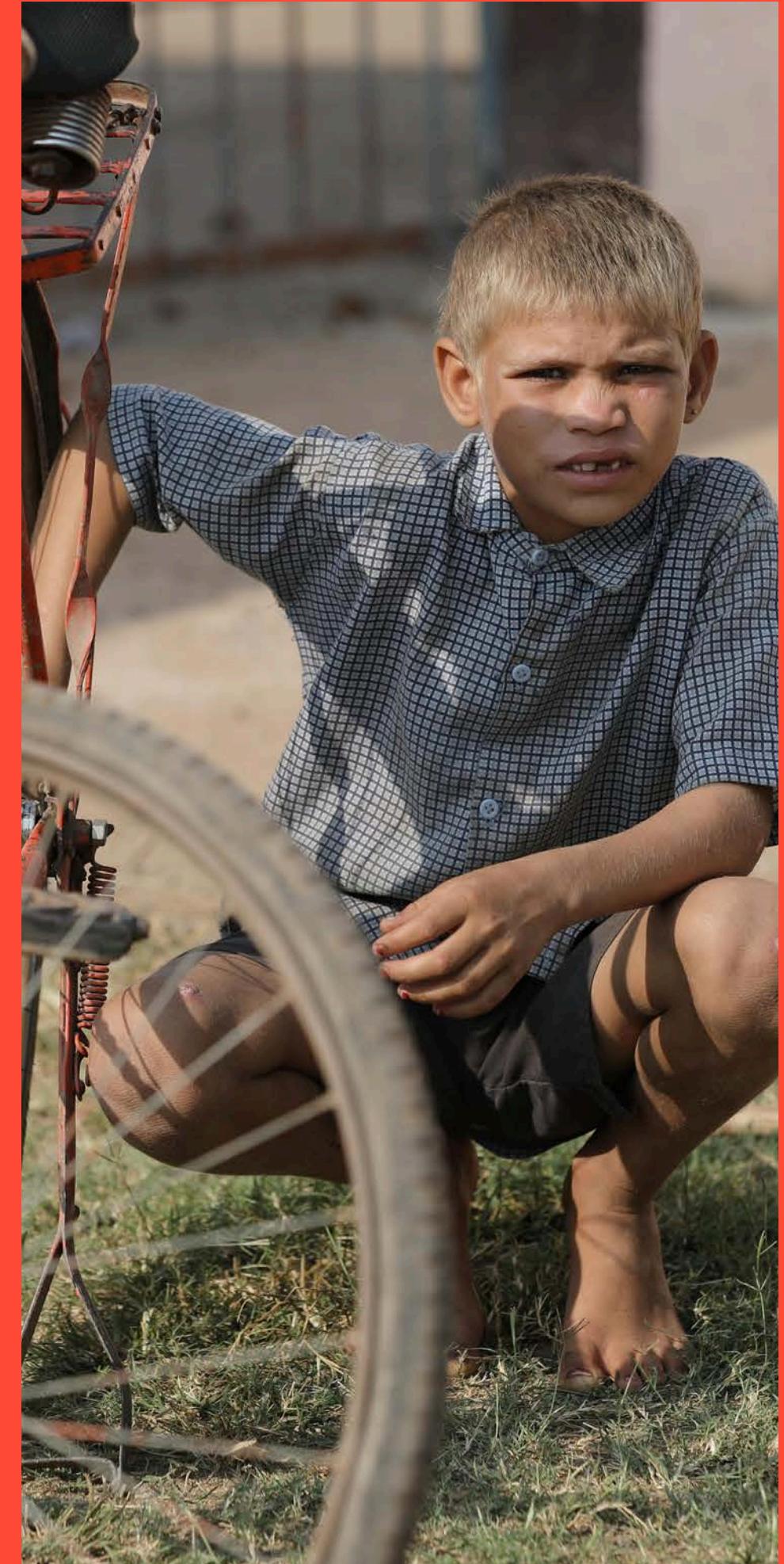
- 1. FAMILIES WHO HAVE THE FINANCIAL MEANS**
- 2. CHARTER SCHOOLS /ALLOTMENT PROGRAMS**
- 3. NEW SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS WILL OPEN UP CHOICE TO MORE STUDENTS**



WHERE THERE IS  
A LACK OF  
CHOICE,  
THERE IS A LACK  
OF UPWARD  
MOBILITY



ONE  
CHOICE IS  
NO  
CHOICE



# WHAT IS A SCHOOL CHOICE DESERT?

PLACES WHERE FAMILIES  
CANNOT ALWAYS ACCESS  
THEIR PREFERRED  
EDUCATIONAL METHOD OR  
PROGRAM

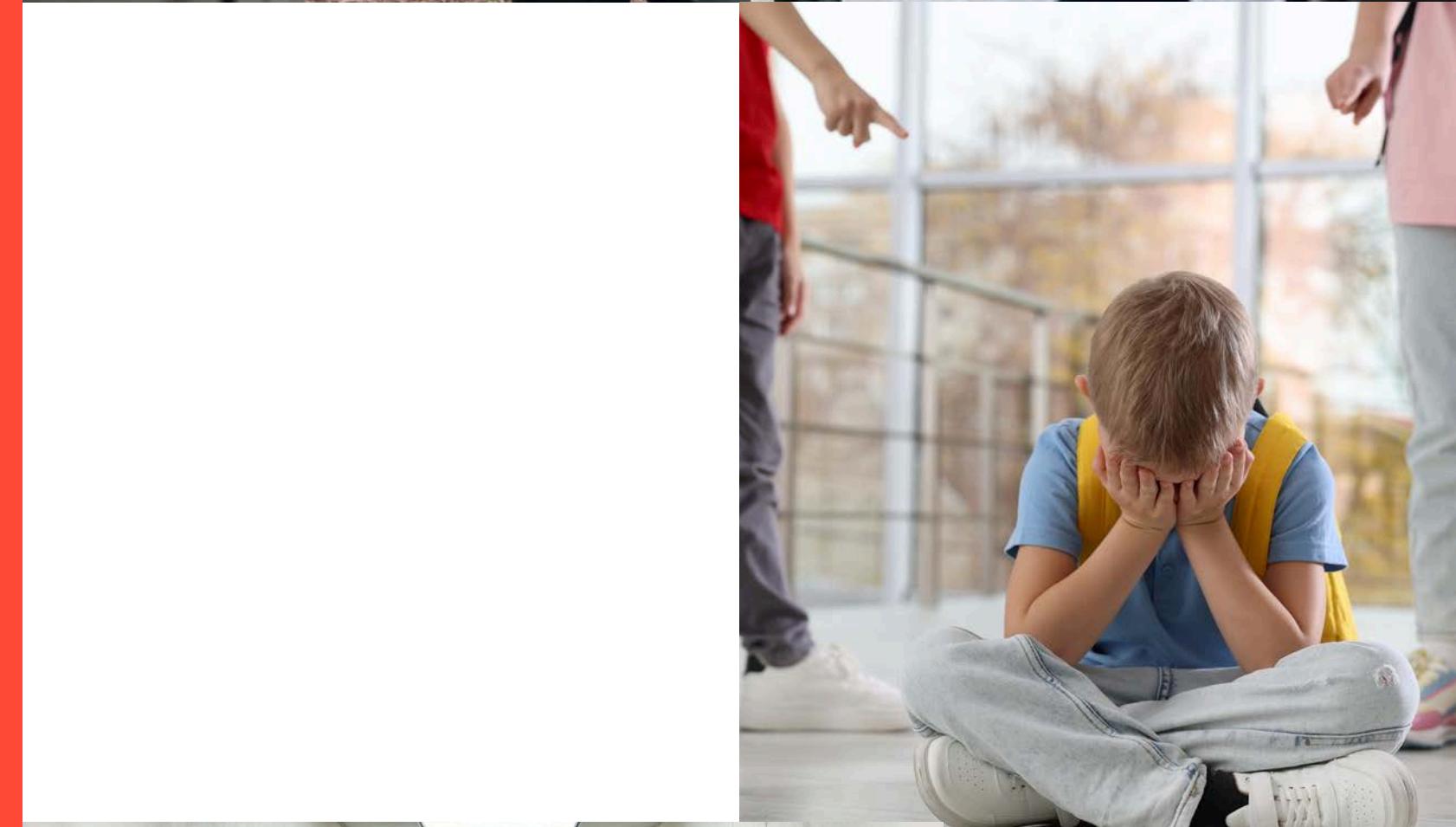


SCHOOL CHOICE DESERTS

# EXAMPLES OF SCHOOL CHOICE DESERTS

SAFETY

**SAFETY**  
THE NEIGHBORHOOD  
SCHOOL MAY BE  
UNSAFE OR  
INADEQUATE TO MEET  
A STUDENT'S NEED



# EXAMPLES OF SCHOOL CHOICE DESERTS

**SPECIAL  
NEED**

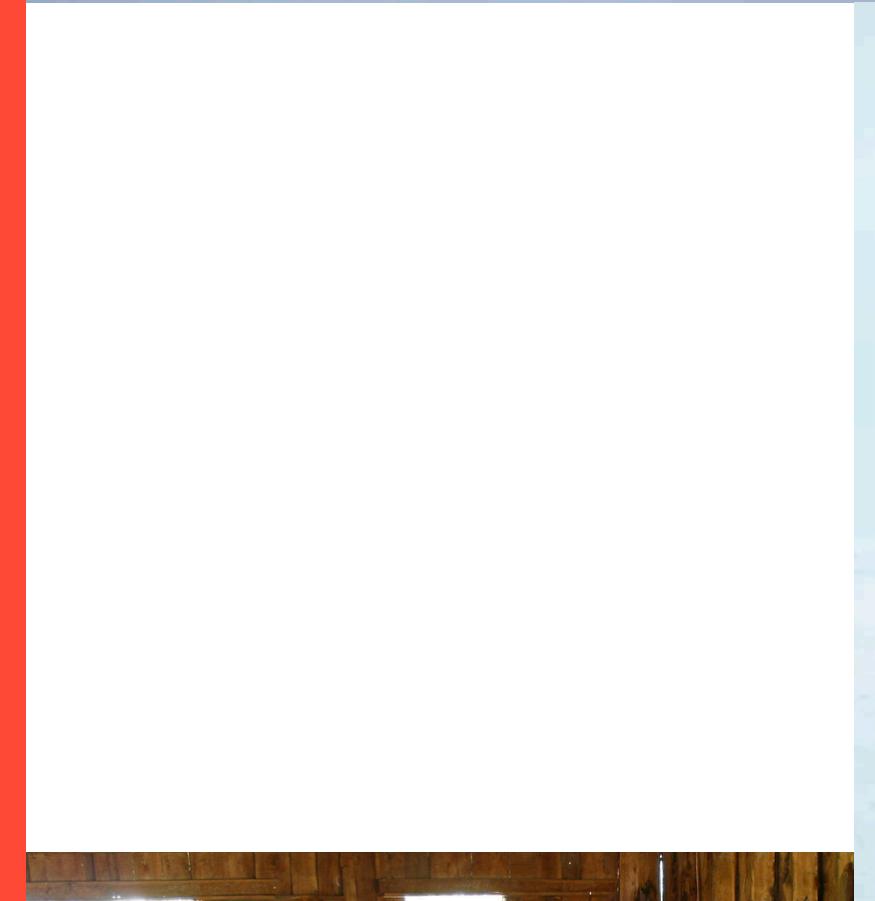
**NEEDS OF STUDENTS  
REQUIRE MORE  
FUNDING THAN IS  
AVAILABLE THROUGH  
PROGRAMS, SO THAT  
CHOICE IS CLOSED TO  
THESE STUDENTS**



# EXAMPLES OF SCHOOL CHOICE DESERTS

## LOCATION

**RURAL AREAS MAY  
LIMIT CHOICE  
BECAUSE OF  
PHYSICAL LOCATION  
OR LACK OF RELIABLE  
INTERNET**



# INCOME GAP

## EXAMPLES OF SCHOOL CHOICE DESERTS

INCOME  
GAP

CHOICES OFFERED  
ARE UNATTAINABLE  
FOR VERY LOW  
INCOME FAMILIES



# **SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS**

**CREATING EXPANDED CHOICE  
THROUGH PRIVATE DONOR  
DOLLARS**



# REQUIREMENTS FOR SGO'S

MUST BE APPROVED BY THE  
PARTICIPATING STATE

MUST OFFER FUNDING FOR MORE  
THAN ONE SCHOOL OR PROGRAM

AT LEAST 90% OF TAX CREDIT FUNDS  
MUST GO DIRECTLY TOWARD  
SCHOLARSHIPS



REQUIREMENTS

# SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS CAN

- CREATE THEIR OWN GOALS
- CHOOSE THEIR TARGET  
DEMOGRAPHICS
- MEASURE THEIR IMPACT
- COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR  
DONORS
- RAISE COMMUNITY AWARENESS



OPPORTUNITIES

# SGO RESOURCES

## YES EVERY KID FOUNDATION

- IMPLEMENT ED SGO ACCELERATOR COHORT
- [YESEVERYKIDFOUNDATION.ORG](http://YESEVERYKIDFOUNDATION.ORG)

## CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- GUIDE TO STARTING AN SGO
- [SGOINQUIRIES@SCHOLARSHIPFUND.ORG](mailto:SGOINQUIRIES@SCHOLARSHIPFUND.ORG)

# ALASKA SCHOOL CHOICE IS

- CREATING A STATEWIDE SEARCHABLE DATABASE FOR ALASKAN FAMILIES
- RAISING AWARENESS THROUGH COMMUNITY EVENTS
- PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO ALASKAN STUDENTS



ACTION

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