Why donate?

It's a win-win situation.
Your donation gives students
the opportunity to participate
in extracurricular activities,
while you receive a
dollar-for-dollar
credit on your taxes.

Arizona Department of Revenue Guidelines

- The credit is applied against the taxpayer's state income taxes.
- "Extracurricular activities" are defined as: "school-sponsored educational and recreational activities that require enrolled students to pay a fee in order to participate."
- Checks must be made payable to the school.
- The credit is available for any personal income tax return. It is not a requirement that the taxpayer have a child enrolled in the public school.
- The credit is limited to $200 per individual tax return and $400 if the credit is claimed on a tax return that has a filing status of married filing jointly.

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Here's a way to help our students and it won't cost you a dime

The truth about the
Arizona Tax Credit Program
(A.R.S. 43-1089.01)

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A family of schools. A community of learning.

The **Arizona Tax Credit Program** (A.R.S. 43-1089.01) allows any Arizona taxpayer to donate up to $400* to a school of their choice in support of extracurricular programs and get their **entire donation back** in the form of a tax credit.

What does my donation pay for?
School tax credit donations help pay for extracurricular activities. Funds can apply to sports, arts and music programs, and most after-school student clubs.

How much can I donate?
A person filing their tax return individually may contribute up to $200. Married couples filing jointly may contribute up to $400.

Who can donate?
Any Arizona taxpayer can make a tax credit donation, regardless of whether or not they have children in school.

I have been donating money to schools for years, what's the difference?
Contributions to schools have always been tax deductible. A tax deduction allows you to subtract the amount of a contribution from the amount of your taxable income. The Arizona Tax Credit Program allows a tax credit, which is subtracted from the amount of taxes you owe.

What is the difference between a tax credit and tax deduction?
A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the actual tax owed. A tax deduction only reduces total taxable income from which the taxed owed is calculated.

Can I choose which extracurricular activities my money should benefit?
Yes, you can indicate areas of allocation, such as a student club or activity. Designation must be made at the time of donation.

Are all Arizona schools participating?
Only public schools that charge fees for extracurricular activities are eligible for tax credit donations. Tempe Union implemented a $1 extracurricular Activity Fee, effective September 10, 1998. In June 2002, the district began charging additional fees for some extracurricular activities. These additional activity fees qualify for the tax credit program. To apply your tax credit donation toward payment of activity fees you must specifically designate it as a tax credit donation during the initial payment of the activity fee.

If I get a refund from the state, will I still benefit from this tax credit?
Yes, your refund will increase by the amount you contribute. For example, you have paid $400 in state taxes during the year through payroll deductions, and you are receiving a $100 refund. You have also made a $200 contribution to a school and are receiving a $200 tax credit. You would then receive a $300 refund.

What do I submit with my taxes as proof of this contribution?
You must submit the receipt from the school. Once you have given your contribution to the school representative, a receipt will be provided to you for tax purposes. If you mail in the completed tax credit deposit form with your contribution, a receipt will be mailed to you.

When can I participate?
Right Now! All you need to do is fill in the Tax Credit Donation Form and write a check made payable to the school of your choice. Mail the form and your check to the attention of the Bookstore Manager at the high school you've chosen. It must be postmarked by Dec. 31 to take advantage of the tax credit for this year. You may also make a donation online at www.tuhsd.k12.az.us.

Tax Credit Donation Form

Please detach and submit with your tax credit donation. A receipt will be mailed to the contributor for tax filing purposes.

Yes! Distribute the enclosed donation of: **$** _____ *
(Up to $400)

to _____ High School.

Identify area of donation:

_____
(i.e., specific Sport, Club, Activity, Other, or No Designation)

FULL NAME

ADDRESS

CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE | WORK PHONE

Mail this form and your contribution check, ***made payable to the high school of your choice***, to the attention of the Bookstore Manager at the school you've chosen:

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