

Arizona Tax Credit FAQs

What is a tax credit?

This is a tax credit, not a deduction. A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the actual tax owed. For example, if you owe \$900 in state income taxes and you donate \$400 to a public school, you may subtract the \$400 from your tax bill and pay the state just \$500.

Who is eligible?

This tax credit is available to all Arizona individual taxpayers regardless of whether or not they have children in school. An individual can contribute and receive a tax credit for any amount up to \$200, or a couple filing jointly can contribute up to \$400.

What is an extracurricular activity?

Extracurricular activity means any optional, non-credit educational or recreational activity that supplants the education program of the school. Activities such as sports, visual and performing arts, special programs, field trips, character education, or clubs can be funded with tax credit money. Extracurricular activities help children develop qualities such as leadership, team play and cooperation as well as provide safe, supervised activities after school hours.

Does all my money go to extracurricular activities?

Yes, 100 percent of your donation goes directly to the school for extracurricular activities that benefit students by enriching campus life and learning. None of the money is used for overhead.

Can I designate where I want my money to go?

Yes, you can say where you want your donation to go. You can choose your child's school, split the donation between one or more SUSD schools, and designate it for any extracurricular activity you choose.

Who can give?

Anyone who pays Arizona taxes: Parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors, and alumni.