

To submit your Tax Credit by mail, please complete this form and make checks payable to QCUSD and send it to:

QCUSD BUSINESS OFFICE

ATTN: CRYSTAL ZACHARY, CFO
20217 E. CHANDLER HEIGHTS ROAD
QUEEN CREEK, AZ 85142

Select your choice of site and complete below:

- Desert Mountain Elementary School
- Faith Mather Sossaman Elementary School
- Frances Brandon Pickett Elementary School
- Gateway Polytechnic Academy
- Jack Barnes Elementary School
- Queen Creek Elementary School
- Silver Valley Elementary
- Newell Barney Middle School
- Queen Creek Middle School
- Eastmark High School
- Queen Creek High School

Taxpayer Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Student(s) Name: _____

Activity/Sport: _____

Athletics \$ _____

(not available for Elementary)

Fine Arts \$ _____

Principal's Choice \$ _____

Other \$ _____

Community Education, YAP and Before and After School tax credits must be paid at Community Education. Contact: Sue at 987-7460 or Denise at 987-5981 for any questions or eligibility regarding after school activities.



EXCELLENCE THROUGH LEADERSHIP

Queen Creek Unified School District #95



Giving is not just
about make a donation,
It's about
making a difference.
-Kathy Calvin

**** All receipts are emailed via InTouch. We do not maintain copies of receipts ****

Business, Corporate and Trust checks are not eligible. Tax Credit donations are nonrefundable and nontransferable after donation. Thank you for donating to our schools.

QUESTIONS

What is a Tax Credit?

A tax credit is part of a state law that, among other benefits, allows individuals to donate up to \$200 or for married couples filing jointly to donate up to \$400 per tax year. If married taxpayers file separately, each spouse may claim 1/2 of the credit that would have been allowed on a joint return. The funds benefit the public school of their choice and the donation can be taken as tax credit on their Arizona Income Tax Return (A.R.S. 43-1089.01) For more information, please visit this website: <http://www.azdor.gov/TaxCredits/SchoolTaxCreditsforIndividuals.aspx>

Can a taxpayer receive a refund of these credits?

No. The credits can only be used to the extent they reduce state tax liability to zero. Unused amounts may be carried forward for up to the next five taxable years.

Who is eligible to receive the donation?

Public schools and charter schools are eligible. Pre-schools, non-governmental schools, community colleges and universities do not qualify.

Must a taxpayer have a child in school in order to claim this credit?

No. There is no requirement that the taxpayer have a child enrolled in a public school in order to take advantage of the tax credit.

Can you give to more than one school?

Yes. The total amount claimed cannot exceed \$200 for individuals and \$400 for married couples in the calendar year and you must have receipts from each school.

Can you use this as a deduction on your federal return?

Possibly; however it is subject to the IRS's policy on donations. For example, if you are in the 28% tax bracket, you might be able to take \$56 of your donations as a charitable donation on your federal return. (Please consult your tax advisor.)

How is the money used?

Your donations can be spent by the individual schools on programs and extracurricular activities or Character Education Programs that benefit children. Extracurricular activities include any optional, non-credit educational or competitive activity which supplements the educational program of the school whether before, during or after regular school hours. Funds may be used for example, to include classroom field trips, after-school enrichment programs, musical instruments, and athletic equipment (which belong to the schools).

How can I make a donation?

Donations can be made at any school or simply complete the attached donation form and send it to the address listed. The school district will **email** you a receipt for your tax records. You can also make your donations online at <https://az-queencreek.intouchrecepting.com/>

Must the credit for contributions made or fees paid be claimed in the year of donation?

No, beginning in 2016, credit eligible fees paid and contributions made to a public school from January 1 through April 15 of a calendar year may be used as a tax credit on the prior year's tax return. For example, qualifying contributions made to a public school January 1, 2016 to April 15, 2016 may be used as a tax credit on either your 2015 or 2016 Arizona income tax return.

How do I sign in to the online payment portal?

Log onto the website:

<https://az-queencreek.intouchrecepting.com/>

If you have not set up a ParentVue account, please contact your child's school to get your activation key. If you have a ParentVue account, click on 1st Time Users and set up your Touch-Base account. You can use the same password for TouchBase as you use for ParentVUE. You will need to go under **1st Time User** the first time you log in. After that please log in as **AI-ready Registered** so you do not duplicate your account. You will be able to see all of your QCUSD children's fees and fines, remember only some will be tax credit eligible. All receipts will be emailed. The district no longer maintains copies of receipts.

There are also options for non-parent/guardians to donate on a one time basis, as well on a recurring basis. By choosing the option of **Non-Parent Guest Users**, you will be given an account where you can go back and pull up your previous transactions and receipts for tax purposes.