



## BACKGROUND

In 1997 the State Legislature passed a bill that allows a household to deduct as a credit fees paid to schools for extracurricular activities.

Specifically, this bill:

- Allows up to \$200 state tax credit for single taxpayers or heads of household. (Lesser donations do qualify)
- For married taxpayers that file a joint return, the credit cannot exceed \$400. If married tax-payers file separate returns, each spouse may claim 1/2 of the credit that would have been allowed on a joint return.
- Is a credit against state tax liability - NOT a deduction from income?
- Requires the funds to be used toward:

### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

Criteria for qualified uses:

1. Is the activity school-sponsored?
2. Is the school charging a fee?
3. Is the activity for enrolled students?
4. Is the activity educational?
5. Is the activity optional?
6. Is the activity noncredit?

If the answer to any of these questions is 'no,' the donation may not be used for Extracurricular Tax Credit.

- These credits are available only to individuals. Partnerships and S corporations cannot pass the credits through to their partners or share-holders. The credits are also not available to trusts, estates, regular corporations, or S corporations.

Please note: School supplies and classroom parties do not qualify for this credit. However, you may designate a specific extra curricular group for which your donation may be applied.

## What is a tax credit?

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 for extracurricular activities, you may subtract the \$400 from your tax bill and pay the state just \$500.

## What is an extracurricular activity?

Extracurricular activity means any optional, non-credit educational or recreational activity that supplements the education program of the school. Activities such as sports, visual and performing arts, special programs, field trips, clubs, outdoor education, gifted programs, or classroom enrichment programs 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.



## 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.

## Does all of my money go to extracurricular activities?

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

## Do I have to donate the full \$200 or \$400?

No, you may donate up to your \$200 or \$400 limit in installments during the calendar year or donate it at one time.

## 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 or an extracurricular activity that they participate in. You can choose a school based on student poverty, type of activity, grade levels or location. If you want to donate to a school or an activity where not all parents can afford to contribute, you may do this. We do our best to ensure that your donation is used for the purpose(s) you specify. But if for some reason your donation cannot be used for that activity, such as when a field trip or a performance is cancelled the school will use your money to support another worthwhile activity.

## Do I have to live within the Unified School District?

No, Any individual who pays Arizona State income tax can donate.

## When can I make my donation?

It's NEVER too early! You can start making contributions to your Arizona School Tax Credit at any time.

## Drop-off /Mailing Location and Deadlines:

Complete the form and either bring or send the form and your money or check to:

Academy with Community Partners  
433 North Hall  
Mesa, AZ 85203

Your tax credit receipt will be mailed to you. If you have any questions regarding your tax donation, please call (480) 833-0068.

Due: December 31st

And, thank you  
for supporting our extracurricular programs  
at  
Academy with Community Charter High School!

**Yes! I would like to support Academy with Community Partners students through a tax credit donation.**

Included is my donation for:

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_     \$20     \$50  
 \$100     \$200     \$400

**School Activity (Designate your gift):**

- Athletics –**  
(Girls Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Co-Ed Soccer, Hiking)
- Clubs -**  
(JSA, Leadership Council, Prom Committee, Yearbook)
- Activities -**  
(Field Trips and Special Events)

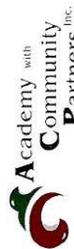
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## Tax Credit Form



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