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TAX CREDIT DRIVE 2026



RECEIVE A TAX CREDIT FOR UP TO $400 WHEN FILING YOUR ARIZONA STATE INCOME TAX RETURN AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS WITH THIS DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR TAX CREDIT.

Sports Programs | Performing & Fine Arts Field Trips | After School Classes | Clubs & More

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The tax credit that benefits qualified activities or qualified programs at public schools is $400 for married couples filing jointly. For individual taxpayers, the limit is $200.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Any individual (parent or not) can contribute to the school of his/her choice to help fund qualified activities or qualified programs and receive a tax credit from the state. Contributions are donated directly to schools.

An Arizona tax law (A.R.S. 43-1089.01) allows individuals or married couples to contribute funds to a public school and receive a tax credit. Donors can reduce the amount owed on their state income taxes by up to $400.00 for contributions to support qualified activities or qualified programs at any Arizona public school.

A contribution that is made on or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month (April 15), following the close of the taxable year, may be applied to either the current or preceding taxable year and is considered to have been made the last day of that taxable year.

A tax credit is different than a tax deduction because it is an actual credit against the income tax imposed upon an individual.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What are qualified activities or qualified programs?
A. Extracurricular activities, character education programs, standardized testing fees for college credit, preparation courses for standardized testing, the career and technical education industry certification assessment, and CPR training.

Q. **Must each public school make a report to the Department of Revenue detailing amounts and use of the extracurricular activity and character education program funds?**
A. Yes.

Q. What are extracurricular activities?
A. Extracurricular activities are school sponsored activities that may require enrolled students to pay a fee in order to participate. Generally, educational or recreational activities that supplement the educational program of the school are considered to be extracurricular activities.

Q. **What are character education programs?**
A. Character education programs are defined in ARS 15-719. Under this statute each district may develop its own course of study for each grade. At a minimum, the character education program must include instruction in the definition and application of at least six of the following character traits: truthfulness, responsibility, compassion, diligence, sincerity, trustworthiness, respect, attentiveness, obedience, orderliness, forgiveness, virtue, fairness, caring, citizenship, and integrity.

Q. What public schools/grades are eligible for the credit?
A. Public schools that provide instruction in grades K-12 are eligible for the credit. Preschools do not qualify for the credit.

Q. Can a taxpayer make a payment of fees to an organization (e.g., PTA, school foundation, or school club) which then gives the funds in a lump sum to the school or directly pays for qualified activities or qualified programs?
A. No. ARS 43-1089.01 requires that the fees be paid "to a public school." Therefore, the payment must be made directly to the public school.

Q. Must a public school issue a receipt to the taxpayer for contributions made or fees paid for qualified activities or qualified programs?
A. Yes. The receipt includes the public school name, school district number and CTDS number, taxpayer name and address, amount paid, date paid, and a description of the activity or program being supported.

Scan for further information on the program or visit: https://tinyurl.com/2mhkp4rx

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THREE WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

Tax Credit Questions?
Call 480.575.2000

1 **Mail a personal check using the form below.**
Mailing address for all sites is: PO Box 426, Cave Creek, AZ 85327

2 **Contribute online with a credit card.**
https://az-cavecreek-taxcredits.intouchreceipting.com

3 **Drop off a personal check on or before April 14th, 2027.**
Checks are accepted weekdays between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Cave Creek School District offices, which are located at 33016 N. 60th St. Scottsdale, AZ 85266

2026 Arizona Tax Credit Contribution Form

The maximum Tax Credit Contribution for 2026 is $400 for married filing jointly and $200 for married filing separately. The maximum Tax Credit Contribution filing as single is $200. CCUSD is NOT allowed to accept checks from Partnerships, Trusts, Estates, regular Corporations or S-Corporations. Personal checks only are accepted. Tax Credit Contributions are non-refundable.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City, State, ZIP _____

Phone: _____ Amount:_____ Check #_____

Make checks payable to the school of your choice or Cave Creek Unified School District (CCUSD). You may visit our website at www.ccusd93.org to make your donation using a credit card.

I wish to apply my contribution to the following school(s):

_____Black Mountain Elementary
_____Desert Willow Elementary
_____Horseshoe Trails Elementary
_____Sonoran Trails Middle School
_____Cactus Shadows High School

I wish to apply my contribution to the following program(s):

_____ Programs most in need
_____ Field Trips (non recreational)
_____ Athletics
_____ Clubs/After school classes
_____ Gifted/Enrichment Programs
_____ Standardized Testing Fees
_____ Assessments for CTE (not class fees)
_____ Performing/Fine Arts
_____ Character Education
_____ CPR Training

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2026 CCUSD Year-End Tax Credit Opportunity

You can help Cave Creek Schools support the programs that build character and confidence in our students at NO COST TO YOU through the Arizona Tax Credit Program!



Cactus Shadows High School

Sonoran Trails Middle School



Black Mountain Elementary

Desert Willow Elementary

Horseshoe Trails Elementary





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