

# ARIZONA EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

# TAX CREDIT PROGRAM



## A WIN-WIN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE!

Here's your chance to make an important contribution to education at our schools and receive an income tax credit for the full amount you contribute up to \$200 (or \$400 per married couple)

### YOU HAVE MANY CHOICES

To claim the tax credit, taxpayers must contribute to a character education program or extracurricular activity for which the school district requires a fee. You may contribute to one of the general categories listed below or you may specify a program on the list you want to support. Available activities vary by school site. Please contact the specific school for the activities at that location.

#### EXAMPLES OF FEES:

- Intramural fees
- Festival sports fees
- Athletic fees
- Overnight field trips
- After-school classes (i.e. homework class, tutoring, reading class, etc.)

#### \*KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

Contributions to public 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 law allows a tax credit, which is subtracted from the amount of taxes you owe. A tax credit is a **full refund** of your money.

### HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

Arizona tax law (ARS 43-1089.01) allows taxpayers a tax credit\* of up to \$200 (or \$400 per married couple) if they contribute to character education programs or extracurricular activities in public schools. Extracurricular activities such as sports, band, speech and debate, or overnight field trips are generally not fully funded by school districts. These programs depend on fees from students.

The tax credit is available to all State of Arizona taxpayers, regardless of whether they have children in school.

You may donate less than \$200 and be eligible to receive the state tax credit in the amount of your donation. The amount you donate — up to \$200 (or \$400 per married couple) — will be the amount you may claim as a state tax credit. For example, if you donate \$50, your state tax credit would be \$50.

You may split your donation among more than one public school or more than one activity, but will still qualify for a maximum state tax credit of \$200 (or \$400 per married couple). Just send your check, along with the response card, to the school(s) of your choice. A receipt will be mailed to you.

### RESPONSE CARD

Please apply my donation of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(up to \$200 for single or head of household; up to \$400 per married couple)

to an extracurricular activity or character education program at this school:

\_\_\_\_\_ School

I wish to designate this money for:

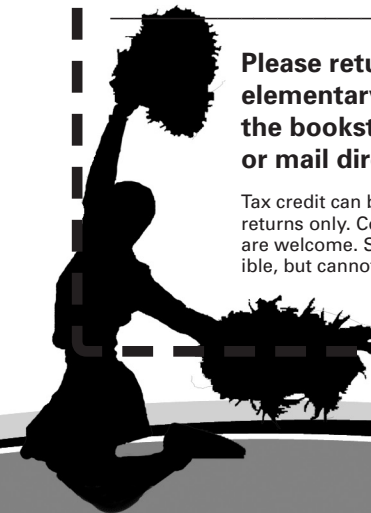
- general fees
- athletics
- character education
- visual/performing arts
- other \_\_\_\_\_
- any extracurricular activity

\_\_\_\_\_ Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Address

**Please return to front office (at elementary/middle schools), the bookstore (at high schools) or mail directly to the school.**

Tax credit can be claimed on personal tax returns only. Contributions from businesses are welcome. Such contributions are deductible, but cannot be used to claim a tax credit.



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