

How Does the Arizona Tax Credit Work?

What is a Tax Credit?

There always seems to be some confusion surrounding the School Tax Credit that is available to Arizona taxpayers, and understandably so. A *tax deduction* only reduces the total income that you must be taxed on.

A *tax credit* does not work that way. With the Tax Credit, you are allowed to make a “donation” to the school of up to \$400 per year (or \$200 if filing individually) to help offset the costs of extra-curricular activities for students. You make your donation, then when you file your taxes the following spring, you enter the amount of the donation you made and that amount is 100% fully added back into your refund. Simply put, your refund will increase by the amount you contribute (or subtracted from the amount if you owe taxes).

How Does It Work Exactly?

For example, you make a payment of \$200 to Mountain Pointe Robotics. You can make that payment anytime between now and April 15th, either online, at the school bookstore or mail to the address below. At the very end of your tax forms, once you see what you are getting back (or owe), you will enter the amount you donated and your refund goes up. Let’s say you were originally going to get \$500 back on your tax return, but when you enter the \$200 you “donated” to the school, you now will get \$700 back! Or let’s say you owe \$200. If you made a Tax Credit donation of \$200, you now owe nothing! This is how you can support education without it costing you a dime because you get all of your donation back. People ask, “What’s the catch?” There is no catch—this is a valid and transparent opportunity—there is only one downside, and that is you obviously can’t get the money you donated back until you file your taxes, which may be a month or so after you make your donation.

Can I Use It Toward Club Dues?

Yes, you can! If you would like to use your tax credit to pay your student’s club dues, please have them pay with a check at the bookstore. Your student will then turn in the receipt so that we can mark them paid.

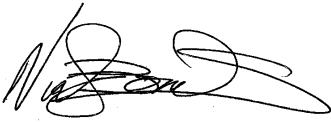
Who Else Can Donate?

Anyone that lives in Arizona and pays taxes can donate. Your family or friends can also do the same thing—donate to the program and get it back as a refund (or subtracted from the amount of taxes owed). You (or your student) can make that payment at the bookstore with cash, check or credit card. Just make sure you note that it is to go to the Robotics Program. This is critical because if it is not clearly marked “Robotics,” then it will go into a general fund for Mountain Pointe Activities and not to the Robotics Club. As a side note, the \$50 that we pay for our student to be in the Robotics Club is also deductible under the Tax Credit program. If you want to donate only the maximum of \$200 per year per person, then make a donation of \$150 (or \$350 if filing jointly). Of

course, you can donate more, but only funds up to \$200 per person is 100% refundable. Anything beyond that you can take as a deduction, but not as a credit.

I admit I didn't understand the School Tax Credit at first either, until someone explained it to me. I heard the word "taxes" and assumed it was going to cost us somehow. I can't believe how many years we threw away \$400! So if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask! Thanks for supporting our students!

Sincerely,



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Want to support our team with tax credit? Please fill out the document below and drop off or mail to the Mountain Pointe High School bookstore at this address

Mountain Pointe High School
Attn. Bookstore
4201 E. Knox Road
Phoenix, AZ 85044

Please include this information in the mail as well so the donation will go specifically to our robotics team. Write "Robotics" on the "Activities to receive funds" section. Our room number is F-114 and our club's head coach is Nick Bonds.

Tax Credit Donation Form

Please detach and submit with your tax credit donation. A receipt will be mailed to the contributor for tax filing purposes.

Yes! Distribute the enclosed donation of: \$ _____ *
(Up to \$400)
to _____ High School.
Student Name: _____ (Optional)
Identify area of donation:

(i.e., specific Sport, Club, Activity, Other, or No Designation)

FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Mail this form and your contribution check, **made payable to the high school of your choice**, to the attention of the Bookstore Site Supervisor at the school you've chosen:

Mountain Pointe High School
4201 E. Knox Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85044
Phone: (480) 759-8449

*** This contribution is eligible for the Arizona State income tax credit as allowed by ARS §43-1089.01. Up to \$200 per individual and up to \$400 for married couples filling jointly can be claimed on personal income taxes. An official receipt will be mailed to the address provided. Contributions are non-refundable by the Tempe Union High School District. Please Consult your personal tax advisor to determine the application of the credit.**

Formulario para donación de crédito tributario

(Tax Credit Donation Form)

Por favor separe y presente con su donación de crédito tributario. Al contribuyente le enviarán un recibo por correo para propósitos de declaración de impuestos.

¡Sí! Distribuyan la donación adjunta de: \$ _____ *
(hasta \$400)

para la escuela secundaria _____.

nombre del estudiante _____ (Opcional)

Identifique el área de donación:

(Ej. Deporte, club, o actividades específicas. Otro. Ninguna designación)

NOMBRE COMPLETO

DIRECCIÓN

CIUDAD

ESTADO

CÓDIGO POSTAL (ZIP)

TEL. CASA

EMAIL

Envíe por correo este formulario junto con su cheque de contribución **pagadero a la escuela secundaria de su elección**, a la atención del supervisor del sitio de la librería de la escuela que ha elegido.

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