

CAREER SUCCESS SCHOOLS

2020 Extra-Curricular Activity (ECA) Tax Credit Information

HELP SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS' LEARNING ENRICHMENTS

Career Success Schools offers parents and the members of the broader community numerous ways to get involved. We encourage parents to interact with the school and their student's teachers by attending school events and assisting with the planning and execution of school activities.

Through this support, parents and community members can help enhance special learning and creative activities for our school's students, as well as assist in the purchase of supplies, equipment, insurance and related costs and expenses for these activities.

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 publicly funded schools on or before **April 15, 2021**. As a state funded charter school, Career Success Schools qualify for this credit.

WHAT IS THE ECA TAX CREDIT?

Arizona law provides a tax credit for contributions to public and charter schools to support extracurricular activities or character education programs.

You can help Career Success students and possibly lower your tax bill by making a donation. **The state tax credit is available to ALL qualifying individual Arizona state taxpayers.** You do not need to have a child enrolled in a school to take advantage of this state tax credit (let your friends and family know about the credit). It is always best to consult a tax adviser to see if you qualify for the dollar-for-dollar credit.

A tax credit is different from a deduction, because you may subtract the whole contribution from your Arizona state tax bill. An individual may contribute as much as \$200, and a couple filing jointly may contribute as much as \$400 to a public school and receive the money back in the form of a tax credit. To be eligible for a state tax credit in 2020, your contribution **must be received or postmarked by April 15, 2021**. ECA donations are not refundable.

How does it work?

If you qualify for this state tax credit, you may write a check to make a contribution. When you file your Arizona state taxes, you then subtract the amount of your contribution from what you owe or add the amount to your refund.

- If you owe \$800 in Arizona state taxes: Make a \$400 contribution to Career Success High School, and subtract \$400 from your Arizona state taxes. Your tax bill will then be \$400.
- If you are expecting an \$800 refund on your Arizona state taxes: Make a \$400 contribution to Career Success High School and add \$400 to your Arizona state tax refund. Your refund will be \$1,200.

HOW TO DONATE: Complete the attached form. Mail or deliver the form along with your donation (cash, check or money order) to:

Career Success Schools
7955 E. Chaparral Rd., #49
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

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DATE: _____

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ PHONE

NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

DONATION AMOUNT \$ _____

PLEASE SELECT WHICH CAREER SUCCESS SCHOOL TO DONATE TO

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tech High School
<input type="checkbox"/>	R.L. Duffy
<input type="checkbox"/>	STEM High School

Please check the category you would like your donation to support:

<input type="checkbox"/>	General Activity Fund – to be used for general support of all applicable programs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Educational Field Trips
<input type="checkbox"/>	Science Materials and Equipment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Education/Sports - Materials and Equipment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arts – supplies and materials
<input type="checkbox"/>	Language Arts

(Must be received or postmarked on or before April 15, 2021.)

Please submit your completed donation form and check, money order or cash amount to the front office or mail to:

Career Success Schools

Must a public school issue a receipt to the taxpayer for contributions made or fees paid for qualified activities or qualified programs?

Yes. The receipt should include the public school name, school district name and number, taxpayer name and address, amount paid, date paid and a description of the activity or program being supported.

For the purpose of the public school credit, qualified activities and qualified programs include any of the following:

- Extracurricular activities.
- Character education programs.
- Standardized testing fees for college credit or readiness offered by a widely recognized and accepted educational testing organization.
- Preparation courses and materials for standardized testing.
- The career and technical education industry certification assessment.
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training pursuant to A.R.S. §15-718.01.

Can donations to public schools be used for other purposes?

Yes. Beginning June 30, 2019 through June 30, 2022, contributions made for the following purposes may be claimed for the public school credit.

- Capital Items defined in the Uniform System of Financial Records, including those items listed in A.R.S. Section 15-903, subsection C, paragraphs 2 through 8.
- Community school meal programs.
- Student consumable health care supplies.
- Playground equipment and shade structures for playground equipment.

Learn more about tax credit benefits at:

<http://www.azdor.gov/TaxCredits/SchoolTaxCreditsforIndividuals.aspx>

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

THANK YOU!

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