

Extracurricular Activity Contribution Form

Name of Contributor (Please Print)

Daytime Phone (If we have a question)

Address of Contributor

City State ZIP

School

Activity/Student Name Amount

School

Activity/Student Name Amount

Direct my contribution to the school with the greatest need

Check # _____ Discover Master Card Visa

Please make checks payable to AJUSD.

Print full name (as it appears on the card)

Account # Exp. Date

Signature CVV (Last 3 digits on back)

Submit the completed form along with your check (if applicable) to any AJUSD school office, or mail to: AJUSD Student Accounts 1575 W. Southern Avenue, Suite #1, Apache Junction, AZ 85120

Contributions must be received no later than April 15 to apply to the previous year's taxes. The above contribution is eligible for the Arizona State Income tax credit as allowed by Arizona Revised Statute §43-1089-01. The tax credit is limited to \$200 for a single individual or \$400 for a married couple. A receipt will be mailed to you for tax purposes. Contributions are non-refundable by school district. Please consult your personal tax advisor to determine the application of the credit.

How do I make my contribution?

It's your tax money! For once, you can tell the government how to spend your tax dollars!

1) Pick a school; if you wish, you may divide your contribution between schools and/or programs.

2) Decide how much to donate and when. Changes to the law now allow taxpayers to make donations through April 15 and apply the amount

"Your money stays right here in our community, directly helping our children."

to the previous year's taxes. If you want to contribute in smaller amounts throughout the year, you can donate multiple times to total the maximum allowable amount.

3) Choose how to submit your donation:

• **To contribute via check or credit card:**

Complete the Extracurricular Activity Contribution Form in this brochure and:

Mail to: AJUSD Student Accounts
1575 W. Southern Avenue, Suite #1
Apache Junction, AZ 85120

or

Take to: Any AJUSD School Office

• **Contribute by credit card online at:**

www.ajusd.org/taxcreditpay

• **AJUSD employees may contribute via payroll deduction.** Contact Payroll for details.

No matter how you choose to donate, the AJUSD business office will mail you a receipt to file with your Arizona state tax return.

Thank You!

Arizona School Tax Credit for Extracurricular School Activities

"Education is important. How can I help?"

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“You have to pay taxes anyway, why not help our schools at the same time?”

Arizona School Tax Credits impact education

Under Arizona law, a state tax credit is available for contributions to support extracurricular activities in public schools. Student activities like band, drama, chorus, art, athletics, field trips, and after-school clubs can benefit. ANY after-school activity, outside the regular school day qualifies as a recipient of these monies.

Best of all, the AZ School Tax Credit allows YOU to CHOOSE where you want your tax money to go!

You can designate both the school and the activity; you can even split your contribution between different schools and programs. Can't decide? If you designate a school, but no program, you allow the school to send the funds to the programs that are most in need of support.

Arizona School Tax Credits can be used by ALL Arizona State taxpayers, even if you do not have a child in school.

Arizona allows an individual taxpayer to contribute a maximum of \$200, and a married couple filing jointly to contribute a maximum of \$400 to a public school of their choice before April 15th and get a dollar-for-dollar credit against their tax liability. As a result, if you owe money on taxes, that amount is decreased by the TOTAL amount of the tax credit donation; and if you have a refund due to you, that refund will be increased by the amount of your donation. (Note: tax liability cannot go below \$0.00)

A tax credit is different from a deductible donation because you may subtract the entire contribution from your Arizona state tax bill.



Peralta Trail Garden and Monarch Way Station

If your AZ School Tax Credit donation does not directly benefit your dependent, you may also be able to claim the donation as a deduction on your Federal income tax. (Be sure to consult your accountant or tax specialist for details.)

Can I designate that my tax credit contribution be used to benefit a particular student?

We encourage parents to tap this resource to help manage the expense of education. Arizona School Tax Credits can be used to pay “pay-to-participate” athletic fees, activity/club fees, or field trip expenses for a designated student. That student must be named when the contribution is made. Donations are non-refundable; however, if a fee is paid and, for whatever reason the student is unable to participate, the donation can be switched to another activity.

How do schools use the money?

Generally, any optional, non-credit, educational activities that supplement the education program of the school are considered to be extracurricular and eligible for tax credit funding.* Some of the areas included are:

- NJROTC
- Athletics
- Art
- Drama
- Band
- Choral Music
- Science Club
- Lego/Robotics Club
- Classroom Enrichment
- Educational Field Trips
- Outdoor Education
- Character Building

** NEW IN 2015: Changes to the law allow parents to use tax tax credits for SAT and AP testing fees.*

** Purely recreational activities such as prom are NOT eligible.)*



AJHS Swim Team



Desert Vista Winter Concert