

HOW IT WORKS:

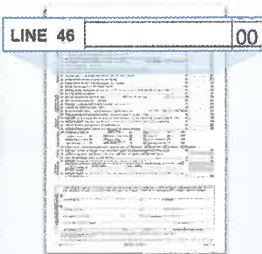
Three Steps to Changing a Life

STEP 1: HOW MUCH CAN I CONTRIBUTE?

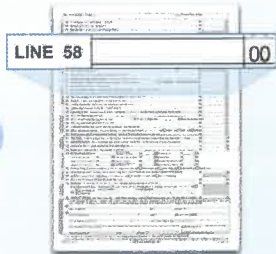
Take a quick look at last year's state tax return. If you file FORM 140, look at LINE 46 to find the amount that you can contribute. If you file Form 140PY, look at LINE 58. Still not sure? Visit our website. For singles, the contribution limit for 2018 is \$1107, for married couples, the limit is \$2213.

FULL TIME RESIDENTS
FORM 140: LINE 46

PART-TIME RESIDENTS
FORM 140PY: LINE 58



OR



STEP 2: MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION

Designate the school(s) of your choice, or choose the General Scholarship Fund that serves our schools with the greatest need.

- **Call:** 602-218-6542
- **Online:** CEAZ.ORG
- **Mail:** Complete and mail the contribution form in this brochure.

Would you like to STRETCH your contribution into smaller, monthly/bi-monthly payments? Register for SCHEDULE PAY at CEAZ.ORG or call our office for assistance at 602-218-6542.

STEP 3: CLAIM YOUR TAX CREDIT ON YOUR 2018 TAX FILING

CEA will mail you a tax receipt as proof of payment. Present this to your tax preparer (or Turbo Tax). Result: you just directed your tax dollars to a student who needs your help!

What is the private education tax credit?

The State of Arizona empowers its taxpayers to support the school of their choice. Arizona law (ARS 43-1089) allows you, a taxpayer, to direct your state tax liability to certified School Tuition Organizations such as Catholic Education Arizona. Your dollars are used exclusively for the cost of tuition at private schools which include our Diocesan Catholic Schools. (Please note contribution limits in STEP 1 of *How it Works*.)

I don't owe taxes. I receive a tax refund check every year from the State of Arizona.

Even if you receive a state tax refund in the mail, you may have paid state income taxes. This is because when you were hired, you elected to have the State of Arizona withhold a portion of each paycheck to cover your taxes. So your refund check is just the State of Arizona giving you back what is left of your withholdings after they've collected taxes. So even if you get a refund check, you may still be able to contribute to your favorite school this tax year, at no cost to you!

Is this any different than donating money to my favorite school?

Yes! With both options, your financial contribution will benefit your favorite school. However, with a *dollar-for-dollar tax credit*, you will save a significant amount of money. The easiest way to think of it: instead of paying taxes to the State of Arizona, you direct those dollars to your favorite school! (Please note contribution limits in STEP 1 of *How it Works*.)

Is this easy to do? It sounds confusing.

If you've never taken advantage of a *dollar-for-dollar state tax credit*, it may seem intimidating. But it turns out to be very easy, and you'll be happy to do it again next year! Refer to the three steps in *How it Works*, or give us a call!

- Get answers to your questions on tax credits.
- Find resources to share with your accountant.
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**OUR CHILDREN.
YOUR TAX CREDIT.
THEIR FUTURE.**

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