

UPDATED TO 10-25-2021

Arizona individual taxpayers have the opportunity to redirect state income tax to a variety of Arizona charities through the use of Arizona tax credit contributions. Contributions qualifying for tax credits are not deductible as charitable contributions on the Federal return, but, in some cases, may be deductible as state income tax. Taxpayers do not need to itemize to claim the tax credits. A couple filing a joint return in Arizona can qualify to redirect as much as \$5,035 for 2021.

A taxpayer can contribute and take all the credits, subject to the amount of State tax for any particular year. The credits are non-refundable. Unused amounts of credits carry forward for five years, except for the military credit, which does not carry forward.

Contributions to Qualifying Charitable Organizations

Charity must be on this list

https://azdor.gov/sites/default/files/CREDITS_2021_qco.pdf

The Tax Credit is limited to \$400 for Single, Head of Household, or Married Filing Separate taxpayers and \$800 for Married Filing Joint taxpayers.

Taxpayers can make contributions up to April filing deadline for prior year credit, however, the charity must be on the following year's list to qualify.

Contributions to Qualifying Foster Care Organizations

Charity must be on this list

https://azdor.gov/sites/default/files/CREDITS_2021_qfco.pdf

The Tax Credit is limited to \$500 for Single, Head of Household, or Married Filing Separate taxpayers and \$1,000 for Married Filing Joint taxpayers.

Taxpayer's can make contributions up to April filing deadline for prior year credit, however, the charity must be on the following year's list to qualify.

Contributions or Fees paid to Public Schools, including Charter Schools, for Extracurricular Activities

The contribution or fee must be paid directly to a public school in Arizona. To find one go to:

<http://ade.az.gov/edd/>

The Tax Credit is limited to \$200 for Single, Head of Household, or Married Filing Separate taxpayers and \$400 for Married Filing Joint taxpayers.

You are allowed to use fees paid for your child to participate, as well as direct contributions to the school. Payments to booster clubs are not eligible for the credit.

Taxpayers can make contributions or pay fees up to April filing deadline for prior year credit.

Contributions to Certified School Tuition Organization

Organization must be on this list

https://azdor.gov/sites/default/files/REPORT_sto-i-list.pdf

The Original Credit for 2021 for Single, Head of Household, or Married Filing Separate taxpayers is \$611, and \$1,221 for Married Filing Joint taxpayers.

The Switcher Credit for 2021 for Single, Head of Household, or Married Filing Separate taxpayers is \$608, and \$1,214 for Married Filing Joint taxpayers.

Taxpayers must contribute the full Original Credit before contributing to the Switcher Credit.

The limits change each year.

Taxpayers can make contributions up to April filing deadline for prior year credit.

The Switcher credit may be called Plus, OverFlow or other names on STO websites.

Contribution to Military Family Relief Fund

Taxpayers can only contribute here:

<https://dvs.az.gov/mfrf>

Taxpayers must contribute by 12/31, but the fund generally meets its million-dollar cap earlier in the year.

The credit is limited to \$200 for Single, Head of Household, or Married Filing Separate taxpayers or \$400 for Married Filing Joint taxpayers.