

Cartwright School District 2016 Employee Tax Credit Donation Form

Lower Your Taxes and Support Our Students

The Arizona tax law (A.R.S.43-1089.01) allows tax payers a tax credit of up to \$400 (for married filing joint return) or \$200 (for an individual filer) if they contribute to extracurricular activities in public schools. A tax credit –which is the dollar-for-dollar reduction of your tax liability _ is better than a tax deduction, which only reduces your taxable income before taxes are computed.

You Need Not Be A Parent To Win!

The tax credit is available to all taxpayers, regardless of whether they have children in school. You don't have to live in our district to make a donation. Feel free to copy this form and give to other family members/friends who may want to help our students.

What Is An Extracurricular Activity?

Extracurricular activity means any optional, non-credit educational or recreational activity that supplements the educational program. Activities such as athletics, visual/performing arts, special programs, clubs, outdoor education trips, gifted or classroom enrichment programs can be funded with tax credit money. To claim the credit, taxpayers must contribute to an activity for which the district requires a fee.

*Know the Difference.

Contributions to public schools have always been tax deductible. The law allows a tax credit, which is subtracted from the amount of tax liability. For example, if your tax liability is \$400 in state income taxes and you donate \$200 to a public school for extracurricular activities, you may subtract the \$200 from your tax bill and pay the state just \$200.

A Contribution Gets the Money Where It Needs To Go

Contributions that are eligible for a tax credit are donated directly to schools, not the state and not even to the school district. This funding will maintain/enhance extracurricular activities for students.

It's This Easy!

If you want to support one or more of the programs listed on the response card, simply write a check to the Cartwright School District and indicate the school of your choice. Give the check and your completed response card to the secretary at the school you selected. You will receive a receipt verifying that you have contributed to an eligible extracurricular activity. Next spring, simply claim your tax credit up to \$400 (for married filing joint return) or \$200 (individual) on the appropriate tax form.

The amount of your donation does not have to be \$400 _ you can make a difference to our students with any donation - \$50, \$75 or \$100.

Easier Yet-Payroll Deduction!

To make it even easier for employees, we are offering payroll deduction for 8 paychecks beginning September 15th and ending December 22th. To take advantage of payroll deduction, simply fill out the response card and send to the Payroll Office by August 29th to take advantage of 8 payroll deductions.

All payroll deduction monies will go to the general fund at the school of your choice - you cannot select a specific activity to receive your donation.

Do It Today!

Schools are planning now for this year's activities. Your contribution can make a big difference in a young person's life. You must designate a school to receive the donation, as no money can be donated to the district. The district also cannot determine which school is to receive the donation. **Payroll deductions can only be applied to the General Fund at the school of your choice. Cash or check donations can be applied to the activity you choose at the school of your choice.**

Cartwright School District Tax Credit Response Card 2016

Name _____ Employee ID _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Easy Payroll Deduction: I choose to make a tax credit donation through payroll deduction. I want to contribute the following amount \$ _____ for each of 8 pays beginning 9/15/16 and ending 12/22/16 for a total of \$ _____.

I understand my deduction will be applied to the General Fund at _____ School.

OR

Enclosed is my check/cash in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ School.

Please apply my donation to:

Elementary: ___ General Fund ___ Outdoor Education ___ Clubs/Special Programs ___ Visual/Performing Arts

Middle: ___ General Fund ___ Outdoor Education ___ Clubs/Special Programs ___ Visual/Performing Arts
___ Athletics