



## **Spread the Word and Share the Love**

By telling your friends and family about Swift Youth Foundation and the AZ Charitable Tax Credit opportunity, you can exponentially help to increase the positive impact you are having on youth and teens in our community! Feel free to use the following as a guide to talk about the tax credit with anyone you know, and as always, feel free to reach out to us if you need anything at all [[info@swiftyouth.org](mailto:info@swiftyouth.org)].

### **Basic Info**

The Arizona Tax Credit for Contributions to Qualifying Charitable Organizations (formerly known as the 'Working Poor Tax Credit') was established by the Arizona State Legislature to provide services such as medical care, childcare, food, clothing, shelter and basic needs for employed families struggling to make ends meet. To encourage charitable contributions specifically for this fund, the state provides a credit of up to \$800 for married couples filing jointly (up to \$400 for all other filers). The deadline for qualifying donations: April 15, 2018.

\*Swift Youth Foundation is certified with the State of Arizona as a qualifying charitable organization.

### **FAQ**

#### **How do I donate?**

You can donate on our website at [www.swiftyouth.org/taxcredit](http://www.swiftyouth.org/taxcredit) or you can mail a check to: Swift Youth Foundation, 7950 E. Acoma Dr., Suite 106, Scottsdale, AZ 85260

#### **If I already gave through another tax credit, do I still qualify?**

Yes!\* The state of Arizona actually offers several different tax credits. If you have Arizona tax liability, you qualify for all of them! Here's a list of all of the tax credits so you can take full advantage:

- Contributions to Qualifying Charitable Organizations – Form 321 \*\*Use this to claim your donation to Swift!
- Contributions made or Fees Paid to a Public School - Form 322
- Individual Private School Tuition Credits – Form 323
- Contributions to Certified School Tuition Organization – Form 348
- Contributions to Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organizations - Form 352
- AZ Military Relief Fund – Form 340

*\*Please consult a tax advisor for expert advice on your specific tax situation*

#### **How do I qualify?**

If you have an Arizona tax liability you qualify. If you file your taxes jointly, both spouses can qualify. You no longer need to itemize your tax deductions in order to qualify.

#### **Do I qualify for the credit if I do not owe any taxes at year-end?**

Yes. As long as your Arizona earnings are at least \$15,000\*, then you'll have to pay at least \$200 in Arizona income tax. So if, for example, you want to make a \$200 tax credit donation to Swift (half of the maximum amount for individual filers) but you've already had \$400 withheld from your paychecks throughout 2017, make the \$200 donation and then \$200 will be added to your AZ refund check (or deducted from what you owe).



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## How do I file for the credit?

You or your accountant report the name of the Qualifying Charitable Organization you donated to [Swift Youth Foundation] as well as the dollar amount of your donation to the Department of Revenue on Form 321.

## Sample Language for Email Distribution

Hi Friends,

You have probably heard me talk about Swift Youth Foundation at some point or another, and I'd like to share with you this opportunity to help a great organization at no real cost to you! The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit allows you to reduce your taxes up to \$800 for married couples filing jointly (up to \$400 for all other filers). This is DOUBLE the maximum amount you were allowed to take the credit in previous years! Everyone who has an Arizona tax liability can take advantage of this credit – even if you don't itemize or owe money.

Here's how it works:

1. Make a donation to Swift of up to \$800 for married couples filing jointly (up to \$400 for all other filers) on or before April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (see below for ways to donate)
2. Report the donation as a credit for 2017 when you file your taxes.
3. Receive a credit on your tax liability/return for the amount of your donation.

To learn more and to donate, go to the Swift website at [www.swiftyouth.org/taxcredit](http://www.swiftyouth.org/taxcredit), call the office at (480) 443-5645, or send a check to: Swift Youth Foundation, 7950 E. Acoma Dr., Suite 106, Scottsdale, AZ 85260

It really is that easy! Please consider helping out this amazing organization by donating!

## Social Media

Post this picture on social media with a link to donate [www.swiftyouth.org/taxcredit](http://www.swiftyouth.org/taxcredit) [to download picture to your computer just click the image to highlight, then right click and select save image as and save to your computer.]



## Support Swift Youth Foundation.

1. Go to [www.SwiftYouth.org](http://www.SwiftYouth.org)
2. Click the "Donate" tab.
3. Donate up to \$400 for single filers or \$800 for joint filers to qualify for the AZ Charitable Tax Credit.
4. Keep your receipt to claim your tax credit on Form 321 during tax season.
5. Tell all your friends to donate too! **#GiveSwift**

Find out more about how your donation positively impacts Arizona youth at [SwiftYouth.org](http://SwiftYouth.org)

### Want to Donate the Old Fashioned Way?

Send a check to:

**Swift Youth Foundation**  
7950 E Acoma Dr #106  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260



**Facebook:** Do you know that anyone with an Arizona tax liability qualifies for the AZ Charitable Tax Credit?! This means that if you donate up to \$800 for married couples filing jointly (up to \$400 for all other filers) to Swift, the state will credit the full amount of your donation on your tax refund!

For more information or to donate go to [www.swiftyouth.org/taxcredit](http://www.swiftyouth.org/taxcredit).

**Twitter:** Are you an AZ taxpayer? You can donate up to \$800 at no cost to you! To learn more & donate: [www.swiftyouth.org/taxcredit](http://www.swiftyouth.org/taxcredit).

**Brochures:** We have LOTS of brochures at the Swift office that we would love to share with you! If you have access to a business where you can display the brochures or if you simply want to hand brochures out to your friends and family, please let us know and we will find a way to get them to you! You can call us at 480.443.5645 or email [info@swiftyouth.org](mailto:info@swiftyouth.org).