



Your Guide to the Arizona Foster Care Tax Credit

Support Child Crisis Arizona
– at no cost to you



Child Crisis Arizona
Safe kids. Strong families.



What is the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit?

The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit is one of the most impactful ways you can support local nonprofits — including Child Crisis Arizona — while receiving a **dollar-for-dollar credit** on your Arizona state taxes.

Unlike a deduction (which only lowers taxable income), a **tax credit directly reduces the amount of state tax you owe**. That means every dollar you give comes right back to you at tax time, up to the allowed limits.



Arizona has two main types of charitable tax credits:

1 **Qualifying Charitable Organization (QCO) Credit**
Supporting nonprofits that serve low-income families and individuals.

2 **Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organization (QFCO) Credit**
Supporting nonprofits like Child Crisis Arizona, who provide critical services for children in foster care.

Child Crisis Arizona is proud to be a certified **QFCO**. Your donation helps provide children with safe shelter, nurturing care, and supportive services — while allowing you to redirect your state tax dollars to help kids right here in your community.



How Much Can I Give?

For the 2026 tax year, the maximum QFCO tax credit amounts are:



\$1,262

Married couples filing jointly



\$632

Single Filers, heads of household,
or married separately

And here's the best part: you can combine this with other credits, such as the QCO, Public School, and Private School tax credits — all in the same tax year.

No minimum donation is required. Even \$10 qualifies!



If you give more than your tax bill allows, unused credits can roll forward for up to five years.

How Do I Claim the Credit?

It's simple — just four steps:

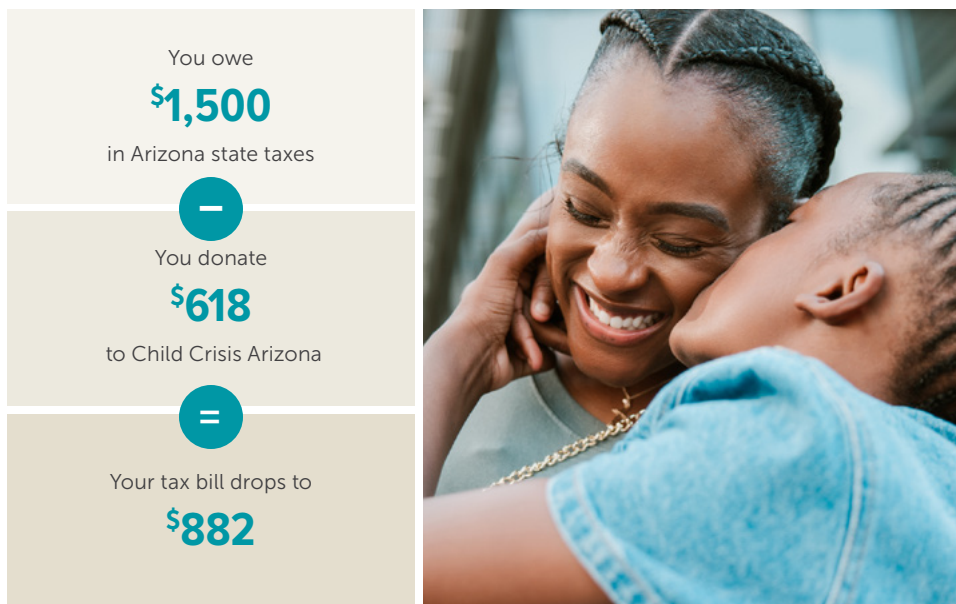
1 Make a donation to Child Crisis Arizona
A certified QFCO

2 Save your receipt
We'll provide one for your records.

3 Complete Arizona Form 352 when filing your state taxes.
for QFCO donations

4 Subtract your donation from your state tax bill, dollar for dollar.

Example:



Already paid your taxes through paycheck withholding? The state will send you a refund check for the credit amount.

Key Dates, FAQs & Common Misconceptions

Important Deadlines



Donations made **anytime in 2026** qualify for your 2026 taxes.



You can also donate through **April 15, 2027** and still count it toward your 2026 return.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to itemize my taxes?

No! You can claim the credit whether you itemize or take the standard deduction.

Can businesses or organizations make this donation?

No, the credit is only for individual taxpayers.

Do in-kind gifts (toys, clothing, etc.) count?

No. Only cash donations qualify for the tax credit.

Can I give through payroll deductions?

Yes, if your employer offers it. Set it up through payroll, and your pay stub will serve as proof of your donation.

Can I still make use of the Arizona QFCO Tax Credit despite changes to federal tax law?

Yes! The Arizona QFCO Tax Credit is unaffected by federal tax changes and still applies to your state return.

Can I take advantage of other state tax credits?

Yes! You can also claim the Qualifying Charitable Organization (QCO), Public School, Private School, and Certified School Tuition Organization credits. Taxpayers may combine all five. (Check with your tax professional to maximize your credits.)

Does the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit also apply to my federal income tax returns?

The credit only applies to your Arizona state return. However, you may be able to claim a federal tax deduction for the amount donated.



Key Dates, FAQs & Common Misconceptions, *continued*

Important Mailing Tip for Year-End Tax Credit Gifts

The United States Postal Service recently clarified that postmarks now reflect the date mail is processed, not always the date it is dropped in a mailbox. During the busy holiday season, mail may be processed one or more days after collection.

Because Arizona Charitable Tax Credit donations must be postmarked by December 31 to qualify for the current tax year, we encourage donors mailing their gifts to take a few extra steps to ensure accurate postmarking.

To help protect your intended tax credit:

1 Visit your local post office **in person**.

2 Request a hand-stamped postmark dated **Dec 31**.

3 Consider using **Certified Mail, a Certificate of Mailing, or Priority Mail**.

4 **Avoid late-day drop-offs**, especially near weekends or holidays.



These steps can help ensure your gift is properly credited and your generosity makes the impact you intend for children and families served by Child Crisis Arizona.

Why Give Through the Foster Care Tax Credit?

When you give to Child Crisis Arizona, you're not only reducing your Arizona state tax bill — you're transforming lives.

Your gift provides:



Safe shelter for children in crisis



Foster care and adoption support



Early education and prevention programs



Family strengthening services

Instead of sending your tax dollars to the state's general fund, you get to decide exactly where they go — directly to children who need safety, stability, and love.

It truly costs you nothing, but means everything to a child.





Ready to Make Your Gift?

[DONATE HERE](#)

Child Crisis Arizona QFCO Code: **10012**

Questions?

We're here to help! Call us at 480.834.9424



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