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:

You owe
$1,500
in Arizona state taxes

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You donate
$618
to Child Crisis Arizona

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Your tax bill drops to
$882

*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.

Can I use a donor-advised fund (DAF) or a gift of stock to make a Qualified Foster Care Charitable Organization (QFCO) tax credit gift?
We love donor-advised funds and gifts of stock, and we're grateful for every way you choose to support Child Crisis Arizona! However, QFCO tax credit gifts must be made as cash contributions by the taxpayer claiming the credit and cannot be made through a donor-advised fund or a gift of stock.

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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