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Dear Client,

There are a number of different Arizona credits available to taxpayers. We highly encourage you to keep your Arizona tax dollars in the local community. These tax credits are an excellent way to do just that. Below you will find the form number, a description of the credit and the maximum amount of the credit for the current tax year. We are providing the form number so you can reference it when researching various organizations for credits. They will tell you what type of credit is available and what form it needs to be claimed on. **Note** that you do not need to provide us with the form itself, as we have access to them. (We do need the receipt that the charity or organization will provide you.)

The **deadline** for making donations to the first four credits listed below is **April 15th**. The purpose for this is so you can determine what your Arizona tax liability is for the prior year, and decide how much to contribute to the credit. For example, for 2019 tax returns, you will have until April 15, 2020 to make a donation and claim the credit on your 2019 tax return.

1. **Forms 323 & 348: Private School Tax Credit.** The combined maximum tax credit, for married filing jointly, is \$2,269.00. The limit for all other filers is \$1,135. We administer one of these programs known as STAY. You can donate online via <https://www.azstay.org/donate.html>.
2. **Form 352: Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organizations (QFCO).** The maximum credit for married filing jointly is \$1,000. The limit for all other filers is \$500. Arizona Department of Revenue has compiled a list of organizations that qualify for this credit. A couple of local organizations include: <https://www.abcs.org/donate/taxcredit> and <https://www.jessiescloset.org/give-now>. Here is a link to the list of QFCOs. https://azdor.gov/sites/default/files/CREDITS_2019_qfco.pdf
3. **Form 321: Qualifying Charitable Organizations (QCO).** The maximum credit for married filing jointly is \$800. The limit for all other filers is \$400. The Arizona Department of Revenue has compiled a list of organizations that qualify for this credit. A few local organizations include: <https://crossroadsmission.org/donate.html>, <http://www.yumafoodbank.org/>, <http://www.amberlysplace.com/donations/>, and <https://www.assistanceleague.org/yuma/donate/>. Here is a link to that list of QCOs. https://azdor.gov/sites/default/files/CREDITS_2019_qco.pdf
4. **Form 322: Public School Tax Credit.** Also referred to as the extra-curricular credit. The maximum credit for married filing jointly is \$400. The limit for all other filers is \$200. This is one way students raise money so they can go on a band trip or overseas study trip. This credit is only available for donations made to extra-curricular programs for public schools which includes Charter Schools. We advise that you verify eligibility prior to donating. Some districts and schools have a link on their website to donate online.

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5. **Form 340: Credit for Donations to the Military Family Relief Fund.** This credit is one that many people have not heard of. The limit for married filing jointly is \$400. The limit for all other filers is \$200. This credit is capped at a total of \$1 million for all donations in a given tax year. They will likely hit \$1 million cap in December, so if you are interested in this credit, you should act immediately. This credit is administered by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services. <https://dvs.az.gov/military-family-relief-fund>

The Military Relief Fund has been capped at their annual \$1,000,000.

Let us know if you have any questions. We appreciate your continued confidence! (Feel free to share this information.)

Respectfully,

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