

**Arizona  
School Tax  
Credit**



**A  
Win-Win  
Contribution!**

Arizona residents have the opportunity again this year to financially support a local school of their choice and receive a tax credit for their donation. Paulo Freire Freedom School is looking forward to tax credit funds enhancing the school's arts and fitness classes, after-school activities, and Intercession program. We are especially interested in making sure that no student is denied any educative experience based on financial need. Thus, monies donated will first go for student activity scholarships. Once that need is met, extra revenue will be used to allow all students to enjoy enrichment opportunities.

**Tax Credit Basics**

Arizona law allows taxpayers to contribute to schools (\$200 for an individual and \$400 for married couples) and receive a tax credit for the donation. A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction of the taxes one owes to the state. If, for example, a family owes \$300 in taxes to the Arizona Department of Revenue and they make a \$250 tax credit contribution to PFFS before December 31, the family's tax bill decreases to \$50. All Arizona taxpayers are able to take advantage of the school tax credit option, whether or not they have children in the school system. They can also claim the donation as a deduction on their income taxes.

**Funding Extracurricular Activities**

As a public charter school, PFFS can use tax credit funds to support extracurricular activities. The state defines extracurricular as any educational or recreational activities that supplement the educational program of the school and require a fee to participate. As you know, we offer all field opportunities (field trips, Intersession and Expeditions) to all students regardless of their ability to pay. Tax Credit money allows us to keep offering these amazing experiences that have become such a critical part of our educational program. Tax credit donations will also support the after-school program.

**Supporting Character Education and Service Learning**

Tax credit funds can also be used for character education programs. Our service learning program (offered through Friday Expeditions and Advisories) builds character and fosters civic engagement. The state of Arizona defines character education as instruction that incorporates traits such as responsibility, diligence, respect, trustworthiness, and virtue; our service learning program aligns with this definition. With tax credit donations, students will be able to do more field trips increasing students' opportunities for learning outside the school walls and ensure that their projects have a greater impact on the community.

**Thank you for choosing Paulo Freire Freedom School! We so appreciate your assistance!**

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*Enclosed is a tax credit contribution for Paulo Freire Freedom School for the following amount (please circle):*

- \$200
- \$400
- Other amount: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like the contribution to go toward (please check one or more of the following):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Program where funds are most needed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Arts and fitness electives
- \_\_\_\_\_ After-school activities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Field Trips (Intersessions & Expeditions)

Please fill out this form and submit it with your donation. Checks need to be made out to *El Pueblo Integral/PFFS*. Tax credit donations can be dropped off at the school's front office or mailed to Paulo Freire Freedom School, 300 E. University Blvd, Tucson AZ 85705. For more information about the Tax Credit, or to get a copy of tax form 322, visit the Arizona Department of Revenue website [www.azdor.gov](http://www.azdor.gov). For more information about Paulo Freire Freedom School visit [www.paulofreireschool.org](http://www.paulofreireschool.org).