

## **2017 Extra-curricular Activity (ECA) Tax Credit Information**

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### **HELP SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS' LEARNING ENRICHMENTS**

Camino Montessori offers parents and the members of the broader community numerous ways to get involved. We encourage parents to interact with the school and their student's teachers by attending school events and assisting with the planning and execution of school activities.

Through this support, parents and community members can help enhance special learning and creative activities for our school's students, as well as assist in the purchase of supplies, equipment, insurance and related costs and expenses for these activities.

Arizona tax law (ARS 43-1089.01) allows taxpayers a tax credit of up to \$200 (or \$400 per married couple) if they contribute to "character education programs or extracurricular activities" in publicly funded schools **on or before April 15, 2018**. As a state funded charter school, Camino Montessori qualifies for this credit.

### **WHAT IS THE ECA TAX CREDIT?**

Arizona law provides a tax credit for contributions to public and charter schools to support extracurricular activities or character education programs.

You can **help Camino students** and possibly **lower your tax bill** by making a donation. **The state tax credit is available to ALL qualifying individual Arizona state taxpayers.** You do not need to have a child enrolled in a school to take advantage of this state tax credit (let your friends and family know about the credit). It is always best to consult a tax adviser to see if you qualify for the dollar-for-dollar credit.

A tax credit is different from a deduction, because you may subtract the whole contribution from your Arizona state tax bill. An individual may contribute as much as \$200, and a couple filing jointly may contribute as much as \$400 to a public school and receive the money back in the form of a tax credit. ***To be eligible for a state tax credit in 2017, your contribution must be received or postmarked by April 15, 2018.***

**Please note:** *ECA donations are not refundable.*

#### **How does it work?**

If you qualify for this state tax credit, you may write a check to make a contribution. When you file your Arizona state taxes, you then subtract the amount of your contribution from what you owe or add the amount to your refund.

- If you owe \$800 in Arizona state taxes: Make a \$400 contribution to Camino Montessori, and subtract \$400 from your Arizona state taxes. Your tax bill will then be \$400.
- If you are expecting an \$800 refund on your Arizona state taxes: Make a \$400 contribution to Camino Montessori, and add \$400 to your Arizona state tax refund. Your refund will be \$1,200.

### **HOW TO DONATE**

- a. Complete the attached form
- b. Mail or deliver the form along with your donation (cash, check or money order) to:

Camino Montessori  
44301 W Maricopa/Casa Grande Hwy  
Maricopa, AZ 85138  
PHONE 520.868.6145

**2017 Extra-curricular Activity (ECA) Tax Credit Donation Form**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ***(Must be received or postmarked on, or before, April 15, 2018.)***

Please check the category you would like your donation to support:

- GENERAL ACTIVITY FUND to be used for general support of all applicable programs.**
- Educational Field Trips
- Science Materials and Equipment
- Physical Education Materials and Equipment
- Music & Arts & Crafts Activities, Materials, and Equipment Music
- Language Arts

Please submit your completed donation form and check, money order, or cash amount to the front office or mail it to:

Camino Montessori  
44301 W Maricopa/Casa Grande Hwy  
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Learn more about tax credit benefits at: <http://www.azdor.gov/TaxCredits/SchoolTaxCreditsforIndividuals.aspx>

The Arizona Education Tax Credit can be claimed on personal returns only. Contributions from businesses are also welcome. Such contributions are deductible, but cannot be used to claim a tax credit.

**THANK YOU!**2017 Camino Montessori  
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