Arizona Form 323	Credit for Contributions to <u>Private</u> School Tuition Organizatio		ns	2016	
Include with your return.					
 Do not use this form for contributions or fees paid to a <u>public</u> school. See Form 322 for contributions or fees paid to <u>public</u> schools. For the calendar year 2016 or fiscal year beginning 2.0.1.6 and ending M.M.D.D.Y.Y.Y.Y.					
Your Name as shown on Form 140, 140NR, 140PY or 140X			Your Social Security Number		
Spouse's Name as shown on Form 140,	140NR, 140PY or 140X (if joint return)		Spouse's Social Sec	urity Number	

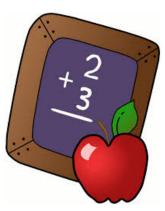
Tax Credit Scholarship "Relate-Back" Feature

Did you know you could make a Private School Tax Credit donation between January 1st and April 15th and claim it on your AZ Tax return for the previous year? You just need to complete the donation before filing your AZ income taxes. Taxpayers can donate to ACSTO, which creates Christ's Greenfield Lutheran School scholarships while providing donors with a <u>dollar-for-dollar tax credit</u>. Students get scholarships and donors reduce or eliminate their AZ income tax liability. It's a win for everyone!

How To Participate – Step by Step

1. Complete the AZ income tax form as you normally would. (Either do-it-yourself with tax software like TurboTax or have someone complete your taxes for you.)

2. If an accountant is doing your taxes, tell him/her you will donate up to \$2,177 if married or \$1,089 if single to the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO), <u>but the total should not exceed your AZ tax liability</u>. Fill out the paperwork and your Tax Credit will be entered on line 50 of AZ 140. This amount will directly reduce your final AZ income tax balance.



3. Doing your own taxes? Look at line 48 on AZ 140. This subtotal is your AZ tax liability. Once you have that number, go back into the AZ tax credit portion of the software and enter your "Private School Tax Credit Donation". The donation amount cannot exceed \$2,177 if married or \$1,089 if single, but don't give more than the amount



listed on line 48 to use the entire credit this year. The software will automatically fill out the appropriate forms and enter the donation on line 50 of AZ 140. This will reduce your tax by the same amount as your donation. Doing your taxes manually? The appropriate tax credit forms can be found here: http://acsto.org/donors/claim-your-credit

4. Fill out an ACSTO donation brochure <u>recommending the gift be used at</u> <u>"Christ's Greenfield Lutheran School, Gilbert"</u> and mail it in OR go online to http://acsto.org/for-donors/donate-now/ and <u>recommend Christ's Greenfield</u> <u>Lutheran School, Gilbert"</u> in the drop down menu to complete the donation. Please don't forget to recommend Christ's Greenfield Lutheran School when completing the donation.



--Ò-Christ's <u>Greenfield</u> Tax Credit Scholarships



5. After the Private School Tax Credit donation is made file your AZ taxes knowing you just made it possible for a child to attend CGLS.

The "Relate-Back" feature is only available from Jan. 1 thru April 15. For donations made between January 1 and April 15, it is up to the donor to determine whether to claim the credit for the previous or current year. You must donate *prior to filing your taxes, but no later than April 15* to claim the credit for the previous tax year. Donations must be postmarked or entered online before midnight, April 15. *There are no extensions allowed* per tax law. The "Relate-Back" feature only applies to AZ income taxes. Federal tax deductions for ACSTO donations must be claimed in the year they were donated.

Supportive Tax Preparers

While most accountants and tax preparers usually know how to file returns with the Private School Tax Credit, some of our parents have asked for recommendations. The following tax preparers support Christ's Greenfield Lutheran School Tax Credit Scholarships and the Private School Tax Credit.

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Now that you know all about the Tax Credit "Relate-Back" feature you might find yourself joining the 40% of Private School Tax Credit donors who donate during this period. Many of them report they can place the donation on a credit card, get the reward points and see their AZ tax refund in the mail within 3-6 weeks thereafter. Best of all, your efforts help bring the love of Jesus to more children. Questions? Call Stephanie Bean at 480.892.8314 x130 or sbean@cglschool.org. Thank you so much!

