

2012 Credit for Corporate Contributions to School Tuition Organizations for Displaced Students or Students With Disabilities

**Arizona Form
341**

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General Instructions

Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) § 43-1184 provides a nonrefundable corporate income tax credit for contributions made to a school tuition organization that provides scholarships or grants to displaced students or students with disabilities. The school tuition organization must be certified pursuant to Chapter 15 of Title 43 at the time of donation.

CAUTION: Laws 2012, Chapter 4 (SB 1047) made changes to Title 43, Chapter 15 effective from and after June 30, 2012. The school tuition organization must meet the new certification criteria for contributions made after June 30, 2012.

Contributions designated as being for the direct benefit of any specific student will not qualify for the credit. This credit is in lieu of any deduction taken under Internal Revenue Code § 170 for state tax purposes.

The tax credit is equal to the amount the Department has preapproved, if the taxpayer has made that amount of contribution to the school tuition organization within ten days of when the school tuition organization notified the taxpayer of the preapproval. For contributions made from and after June 30, 2012, the taxpayer has twenty days to make the contribution.

The unused portion of this tax credit may be carried forward for five succeeding taxable years. The amount of total credits the Department of Revenue may allow cannot exceed \$5 million in any fiscal year. The state's fiscal year begins on July 1, and ends on June 30 of the following year.

The tax credit is available only to corporate taxpayers. A partnership may pass this credit through only to its corporate partners, each of which may claim a pro rata share of the credit based on ownership interest. An S corporation may only claim this credit against income Arizona is taxing at the corporate level.

A taxpayer shall not claim a credit for this credit and the credit provided under ARS § 43-1183, claimed on Arizona Form 335, with respect to the same contribution.

CREDIT PREAPPROVAL PROCEDURE

Before claiming the credit, obtain a copy of the school tuition organization's preapproved application. Attach a copy of the preapproved application to Form 341. Failure to do so could result in a disallowance of this credit.

The Department will preapprove the credits on a first-come, first-served basis. The preapproval process works as follows:

- Before making the contribution, the taxpayer notifies the school tuition organization of the intended amount.
- The school tuition organization requests preapproval from the Department of Revenue.
- The Department of Revenue preapproves or denies the request within twenty days after it has received the request, and notifies the school tuition organization.
- If the request is preapproved, the school tuition organization notifies the taxpayer immediately.
- For contributions made before July 1, 2012, the taxpayer must make the contribution within ten days of receiving notice from the school tuition organization.
- For contributions made after June 30, 2012, the taxpayer must make the contribution within twenty days of receiving notice from the school tuition organization.

QUALIFIED SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The school tuition organization receiving contributions under this program must be certified pursuant to Chapter 15 of Title 43 at the time of donation.

For 2012, each educational scholarship or tuition grant is limited to the cost of tuition for a qualified student to attend the qualified school or ninety per cent of the amount of state aid that otherwise would be computed for the student as provided in Title 15, Chapter 9, Article 5, whichever is less.

Specific Instructions

Complete the name and taxpayer identification number section at the top of the form. Indicate the period covered by the taxable year. Attach the completed form to the tax return.

All returns, statements, and other documents filed with the department require a taxpayer identification number (TIN). The TIN for a corporation, S corporation, or a partnership is the taxpayer's employer identification number. Taxpayers that fail to include their TIN may be subject to a penalty.

Part I - Current Taxable Year's Credit Calculation

List each school tuition organization's name, address, credit approval number, and approved contribution amount. If you made contributions to more than ten organizations, complete and attach additional schedules.

Add the amount of contributions made to all school tuition organizations listed on lines 1 through 10, and any additional schedule(s). Enter the total on line 11.

Part II - Corporate Partner's Share of Credit

Partnerships must complete Form 341, Part I. The partnership must complete Part II, lines 12 through 14, separately for each corporate partner.

Each corporate partner is entitled to only a pro rata share of the credit based on the corporate partner's ownership interest in the partnership. The total of the credit allowed to all corporate partners may not exceed the amount that would have been allowed for a sole owner.

The partnership must furnish each corporate partner with a copy of all of the following documents:

- 1) pages 1 and 2 of Form 341;
- 2) Supplementary schedules to Part I, if applicable; and
- 3) A copy of the school tuition organization's preapproved application(s).

Each corporate partner would then complete Parts III and IV of Form 341.

Part III - Available Credit Carryover

Use Part III to figure your total available credit carryover from prior taxable years. Complete lines 15 through 20, columns (a) through (d), if you claimed the credit on a prior year's return and the credit exceeded your tax liability.

Enter the taxable year(s) from which you are carrying over the credit in column (a) on lines 15 through 19. In column (b), enter the credit originally computed for that taxable year. In column (c), enter the amount of the credit from that taxable year which you have already used. Subtract the amount in column (c) from the amount in column (b) and enter the difference in column (d). Add the amounts entered on lines 15 through 19 in column (d). Enter the total on line 20, column (d). This is the total credit carryover available for the current taxable year.

Part IV - Total Available Credit

Line 21 -

Enter the current year's credit.

Corporations and S corporations - enter the amount from Part I, line 11, column (c).

Corporate partners of a partnership - enter the amount from Part II, line 14.

Line 22 -

Enter the available credit carryover from prior years from Part III, line 20, column (d).

Line 23 -

Add the amounts on lines 21 and 22 and enter the total on line 23, and on Form 300, Part I, line 17.