

## ARIZONA TAX CREDITS

Donations made to Chicanos Por La Causa (CPLC) are eligible for <u>two</u> Arizona tax credits:

- Credit for Contributions to Qualifying Charitable Organizations (QCOs)
- Public Schools Tax Credit

## Credits for Contributions to Qualifying Charitable Organizations (QCOs)

The credit: Donations to any CPLC program are eligible for the Contributions to Qualifying Charitable Organization (QCO) tax credit.

The amount: Donations CPLC— up to \$400 for individuals or \$800 for couples filing jointly— are eligible for the credit.

How it works: Unlike a tax deduction, a tax credit directly reduces the amount of taxes you owe to the state, dollar for dollar. This means a donation of \$400 can reduce your tax liability by \$400 (but it will not increase your tax refund). If your tax is reduced to zero, you can carry the unused credit forward for the next five years. This allows you to donate to programs helping the working poor and get your money back— it's like donating for free.

**How to claim:** As long as you pay income taxes in the State of Arizona, your donations to CPLC can be eligible for the credit. Just report the amount you donated to CPLC on Form 321, and total your tax credits on Form 301. You **do not** need to itemize your tax return to qualify for tax credits. Our QCO number is **20056**.

## **Public School Tax Credits**

**The credit**: Donations to **CPLC Community Schools** are eligible for the Public School Tax Credit.

The amount: Donations of up to \$200 for individuals or \$400 for married couples filing jointly are eligible for the credit.

How it works: The Public School Tax Credit reduces the amount you owe to the state, dollar for dollar. A donation of \$200 will reduce your tax liability by \$200 (but it will not increase your tax refund). If your tax is reduced to zero, you can carry the unused credit forward for the next five years.

How to claim: As long as you pay income taxes in the State of Arizona, your donations to CPLC Community Schools can be eligible for the credit. Just report the amount you donated to CPLC on Form 322, and total your tax credits on Form 301. You do not need to itemize your tax return to qualify for tax credits. Toltecalli High School's CTDS number is 108793201. Envision (Hiaki) High School's CTDS number is 108505001.

For questions about your taxes or eligibility for credits, please contact your tax professional.

