

## SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Friends and Family,

We are very blessed that our daughter/son, (insert name), will be attending a wonderful private Christian school this year. God led us to Heart Cry Christian Academy through a friend and we are excited to watch her/him grow both academically and spiritually through this school.

As you may know, the State of Arizona offers a credit to taxpayers for donations toward private school tuition. The State of Arizona offers this tax credit because they consider it a win for everyone involved. The State actually saves money, while you as a taxpayer receive a credit toward your tax liability.

Here's how it works:

1. You make a donation to a private School Tuition Organization (STO). For instance, Heart Cry Christian Academy has partnered with Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO) and School Choice Arizona.
2. We apply to the STO for a scholarship for our kid(s).
3. The STO awards scholarships and the money is sent directly to Heart Cry Christian Academy.
4. At tax time, you claim the private school tuition credit for the amount contributed.
5. The State of Arizona provides a credit against your state taxes for 100% of your contribution (up to \$1219 if single; or up to \$2435 if married).

If you're interested in learning more, please visit the State of Arizona Dept. of Revenue at this link: <https://azdor.gov/tax-credits/credits-contributions-certified-school-tuition-organizations>

This credit is one of several tax credits that are available to you as a taxpayer. By participating in this program, you have the ability to direct your tax dollars to programs that you choose to support. This is money you already owe to the State. The State simply offers you the opportunity to designate where those dollars are spent.

Enclosed is a brochure from (Name STO i.e. ACSTO), a qualified tuition organization that awards the scholarship money. The back of the brochure is a donation form that you can use to make a contribution. You can also donate online at <https://acsto.org/donors/donate-now>.

If you choose to participate, we would be grateful if you would recommend our daughter/son (**insert full name**) as the student and **Heart Cry Christian Academy** as the school.

If you have any questions about how the tax credit works or about Heart Cry Christian Academy, please don't hesitate to ask us. We'd love to tell you more about all God is doing at the school, in our lives, and in our daughter/son's life!

Thank you,

The Smith Family