

Redirect Your Tax Payment to Support Da Vinci Science Center's Educational Programming!



DISCOVER HOW!

Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit ("EITC") program permits donors to claim a 90% state income tax credit for any gift to an approved **Educational Improvement Organization ("EIO")**.

Da Vinci Science Center is an approved EIO registered with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

An EIO is a not-for-profit organization registered with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development which provides educational programs, services, and initiatives that improve student achievement in Pennsylvania.

It costs a **dime** to give a **dollar** to Da Vinci Science Center!

Da Vinci has partnered with **Friends of Education** to make EITC giving easy. Friends of



Education provides a simple and convenient way for individuals and businesses to participate in supporting education through special purpose entities. By participating, donors can redirect a portion of their tax dollars from Harrisburg to Da Vinci. EITC dollars support programs and initiatives that make a real difference in the lives of children living in Pennsylvania.

Benefits for PA Businesses and Individuals who enroll this Fall:

- Receive a state tax credit of up to 90% of their contribution.
- Receive a 10% itemized charitable deduction on their federal return¹.
- Directly support education through Da Vinci's EIO program.
- Encourage educational opportunities for children in need.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Donors must have Pennsylvania-source income.
- Donors must be able to provide the contribution at the time of the decision.
- Donors must be current on all state and federal tax obligations.
- Donors must be employed by, a shareholder of, a partner in, or member of a business that pays taxes in Pennsylvania – Employees of nonprofit organizations are not eligible unless they meet one of the other criteria.

¹ For individuals who do not take the standardized deduction. Eligible corporations include Cs, Partnerships, and S Corp. businesses.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How does redirecting my taxes benefit education in Pennsylvania?

A: By redirecting your tax dollars to an EIO, you are supporting programs and initiatives that directly benefit students and improve educational outcomes in the state.

Q: What are the tax benefits to making an EITC-qualified gift?

A: By utilizing the EITC program, it costs very little to donate a lot.

	STANDARD GIFT	EITC GIFT
Contribution	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)
PA State Tax Credit	\$0	\$9,000
Federal Deduction <small>Assumes 25% rate</small>	\$2,500	\$250
Out of pocket	(\$7,500)	(\$750)

This chart illustrates this highly leveraged way of giving.

Q: How do I enroll?

A: Da Vinci has partnered with Friends of Education. Friends of Education manages special purpose entities (SPE(s)). A SPE is an LLC that was awarded credits by the state. Donors join this SPE by executing a joinder agreement. The joinder agreement is where you indicate that you want your donation to go to Da Vinci. After you sign the joinder, Friends of Education will remit 100% of your donation to Da Vinci. It's that simple.

Q: What if I am married?

A: Only one spouse should enroll. The enrolling spouse must meet the eligibility requirements. The tax credit may be applied against the couple's joint Pennsylvania tax liability.

Q: Does Friends of Education have a minimum contribution?

A: Individual donors must make a gift of at least \$5,000 in 2024 and \$5,000 in 2025. Organization donors make a gift of at least \$10,000 in 2024 and \$10,000 in 2025.

Q: What is the appropriate level of participation?

A: To maximize the leveraged nature of the program, individuals and businesses should participate in an amount equal to about 110% of their state tax liability. This program is based on the applicant's Pennsylvania tax liability (or joint tax liability), not income, therefore each taxpayer's situation will differ. Pennsylvania tax liability is reported on Form PA-40 Line 12. These credits are not refundable. That means if someone gives more than 110% of their state tax liability, they will not receive a tax benefit for any amount that exceeds the 110% threshold. *C corporations can participate too. Interested individuals or businesses should consult a tax professional prior to participating.*

NEXT STEPS

1. Speak with your tax advisor to determine whether you are eligible to participate.
2. Notify MaryEllen Dickey at (610) 703-7171 or maryellen@davincisciencecenter.org that you are interested and/or intend to make an EITC gift.
3. Request a joinder/agreement from Friends of Education at info@pataxcredits.org.
4. Designate Da Vinci in the joinder/agreement and remit your donation.
5. Attach the Form K-1 to your 2024 PA state tax return.

In February 2025, Friends of Education will send the Form K-1 which will enable you to report the tax credit on your 2024 Pennsylvania state tax return.

Together, we can support education and help make a brighter future for Pennsylvania children. Friends of Education provides a platform for individuals to redirect a portion of their tax dollars from Harrisburg to Da Vinci. Utilizing Friends of Education's special purpose entity makes it easy for you to support education in a way that aligns with your values and interests.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a positive impact on education in Pennsylvania.

Visit <https://www.davincisciencecenter.org/support/tax-credit-support> or call (610) 703-7171 today to learn more and participate in the program.

