



An Arizona taxpayer can give up to \$1,000, if filing jointly or \$500 if filing singly, to SAFE-Lutheran, a foundation established to grant scholarships to children attending Missouri Synod Lutheran schools in southern Arizona. State statutes allow the donation amount to be returned to you, at the time of tax filing, providing you have a state tax liability.

Since 1998, Arizona taxpayers have been eligible to receive tax credits for scholarships to parochial or private schools. This year, taxpayers are able to give up to \$1,000 to the foundation and take up to a \$1,000 tax credit for his or her gift. ARS 43-1089

Gifts can also be earmarked for certain students. Although those gifts are not eligible for a federal tax deduction, the gift is still eligible for an Arizona state tax credit.

SAFE donations can be designated for specific elementary (kindergarten through grade eight) students attending any of the following schools: Ascension Lutheran, Faith Lutheran or Fountain of Life Lutheran. Fountain of Life has grades kindergarten through eight. Faith has grades kindergarten through eight, and Ascension offers kindergarten through grade five.

SAFE donations may be given at one time or divided throughout the year. Donations can be in any amount up to the limit for tax purposes.

Parents interested in applying for a scholarship for their child should contact the school where the child attends. School boards will request scholarship funds from the SAFE-Lutheran Board; if approved, the funds will be applied directly to the student's account.

By reallocating your tax money to SAFE-Lutheran, you will be blessed with the knowledge that you are helping a child learn about Jesus Christ as their Savior, while also receiving an excellent education.

### Did you know?

- 2005 SAFE Foundation contributions of \$285,879 jumped 32% over 2004 contributions of \$222,584.
- While state laws allow 10% for expenses, because SAFE has no paid staff and instead relies upon volunteers, 99% of all donations were given out for tuition scholarships.
- From 2002 to 2005, \$985,069 was donated to the SAFE Foundation. With these funds, 972 students shared in tuition scholarships of \$972,640.



## DONATION FORM

Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Arizona \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Designated School:

\_\_\_\_\_ Ascension Lutheran

\_\_\_\_\_ Faith Lutheran

\_\_\_\_\_ Fountain of Life Lutheran

Designated Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: SAFE Lutheran, PO Box 19139, Tucson, AZ 85731

Donations not designated to a specific school or student may be used for scholarships or grants at the discretion of SAFE Lutheran. Awards will be made without regard to the student's race, religion, color, gender, disability, family status or national origin. Admission decisions are the exclusive responsibility of the school. At least 90% of all funds received will be used for scholarships/grants. These donations are pursuant to ARS 43-1089.

Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Year \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_



## Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Can I really give away \$1000 and it will not cost me anything?

A. Yes, if you are an Arizona taxpayer filing jointly and have at least \$1000 in state tax liability or \$500 if filing singly. Consider what you paid last year to the State of Arizona, even if you received a refund.

Q. Will my employer match my gift?

A. You must ask them! Raytheon is one Tucson company that matches dollar-for-dollar.

Q. Can I designate a scholarship gift to a school?

A. Yes, SAFE-Lutheran allows you to designate any of the Missouri Synod Lutheran schools in southern Arizona.

Q. Can I designate my gift to a specific child?

A. Yes! You may designate a specific child attending a southern Arizona Lutheran elementary school, as long as that child is not your dependent. If you designate a child, your gift will not be deductible on your federal income tax return.

Q. What is the deadline for giving each year?

A. Gifts should be postmarked no later than December 31 to be eligible for state tax credit and federal tax deduction.

Q. When will scholarships be awarded?

A. The SAFE-Lutheran board meets and disburses funds quarterly.

Q. Why should people who do not have children in Lutheran schools donate to SAFE-Lutheran?

A. Gifts support evangelism outreach and Christian education. Gifts are an act of love for fellow Christians. Scholarship donations also release congregational funds to be used for mission projects and other worthy causes.

Q. Will I receive a receipt for the donation?

A. Prior to the January 31 deadline the SAFE-Lutheran treasurer will send you a letter with your name, address and social security number, and donation amount, as required by the Arizona Department of Revenue.

Q. What tax forms will I need to claim my tax credit?

A. [AZ140](#), [AZ323](#), [AZ301](#)

Q. Where do I send my money?

A. Your money and donation form must be sent to: SAFE-Lutheran, P.O. Box 19139, Tucson, AZ 85731