

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



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DISCOVER HOW!

If you pay PA state taxes, you may be able to redirect the money to Da Vinci Science Center. **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")** such as Da Vinci Science Center.

Da Vinci Science Center 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 Spring:

- 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 Da Vinci Science Center, 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.

This chart illustrates this highly leveraged way of giving.

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

Q: How do I enroll?

A: Da Vinci has partnered with Friends of Education. Friends of Education manages the tax credits through special purpose entities (SPE(s)) that are awarded credits by the state. Donors will execute a joinder agreement to indicate that you want your donation to go to Da Vinci. After you sign the joinder, Friends of Education will send 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 2025 and \$5,000 in 2026. Organization donors make a gift of at least \$10,000 in 2025 and \$10,000 in 2026.

Q: What is the appropriate level of participation?

A: To maximize the leveraged nature of the program, individuals and businesses may 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 julie.ambrose@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 2026, Friends of Education will send the Form K-1 which will enable you to report the tax credit on your 2025 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.



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