

# COLLEGE ACCESS TAX CREDIT FUND

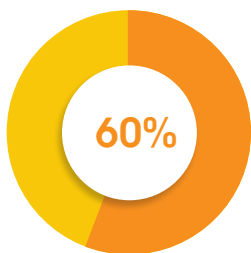


## WHAT IS IT?

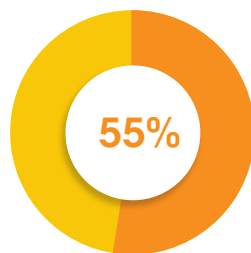
Individuals, businesses and insurance companies contribute to a fund that bolsters financial aid for California's low-income college students. These taxpayers get tax credits equal to 50% of their contributions.

The credit for contributions to the College Access Tax Credit Fund ("CATCF" or the "Fund") can be used to offset state tax obligations.

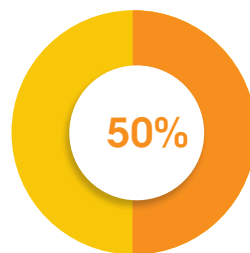
A portion of these contributions from individuals, businesses and insurance companies will go to the California Student Aid Commission, which administers the state's Cal Grant program. Cal Grants are awarded to students pursuing an undergraduate degree or vocational or career training at a qualifying California college and who have family income and assets below set minimal levels.



For 2014



For 2015



For 2016 - 2022

The tax credit is available for taxable years 2014 through 2022 and is based on a percentage of the taxpayer's cash contribution to the Fund. A taxpayer cannot claim a deduction and a credit for the same contribution. Any unused tax credit may be carried over for six years.



State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA



## HOW TO APPLY

To claim the tax credit, a taxpayer must apply at the website of the California Educational Facilities Authority (CEFA). CEFA is the administrator of the Fund and is chaired by State Treasurer Fiona Ma.

To be eligible to claim the tax credit for the taxable year, all of the following must occur:

- ✓ CEFA receives a completed application by the deadline (5 p.m. on January 3, 2022 for the 2021 taxable year);
- ✓ CEFA issues a notice granting a tax credit reservation to the taxpayer;
- ✓ The taxpayer submits all required forms and the contribution to CEFA by the listed due date;
- ✓ CEFA provides the taxpayer with a College Access Tax Credit Certification; and
- ✓ The taxpayer provides the certification information when filing their taxes.

CATCF DETAILS AND APPLICATION ARE AVAILABLE AT: [www.treasurer.ca.gov/cefa/catc](http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/cefa/catc)

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## Deadlines & Tax Credit Availability

CEFA will accept applications for the tax credit as follows:

**2021**  
taxable  
year

Applications for the 2021 taxable year will be accepted through January 3, 2022, 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)

For 2021, the Fund has approximately \$494 million in tax credits available.



### Did You Know?

Did you know that you may make a contribution from your Individual Retirement Account as a Qualified Charitable Distribution? For further details, consult the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or your tax advisor.

## Questions?

For assistance with the application, process, or payment of contributions, please contact CEFA through its website [www.treasurer.ca.gov/cefa/catc](http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/cefa/catc) or call (916) 654-5711.

For assistance with federal tax questions, please contact the IRS through its website [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or call (800) 829-1040.

For assistance with state tax questions, please contact the California Franchise Tax Board through its website [www.ftb.ca.gov](http://www.ftb.ca.gov) or call (800) 852-5711.



## EXAMPLE



Jane Doe applies for a tax credit reservation on 10/2/21. Her proposed contribution is \$10,000. CEFA mails Jane a notice granting her a \$5,000 tax credit reservation (50% x \$10,000) on 10/3/21. CEFA also sends Jane a Contribution Submittal Form that states she must submit her contribution no later than 11/1/21. Jane makes a \$10,000 contribution via an online payment to the Fund on 10/16/21. CEFA then sends Jane a \$5,000 College Access Tax Credit Certification on 10/24/21.

Jane may claim a \$5,000 tax credit on her 2021 California tax return for her contribution to the Fund. She also may be eligible to report a charitable contribution deduction on her 2021 federal tax return. However, she may not report the deduction on her California tax return.

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