

# Alabama Future Workforce Initiative (AFWI)

## Career-Technical Dual Enrollment Program

The Alabama Future Workforce Initiative (AFWI) supports the career-technical dual enrollment program that provides an opportunity for high school students to earn both high school and college credit for approved courses taken through one of 24 institutions in the Alabama Community College System.

Your donation will provide scholarships to eligible students for the cost of tuition, fees, books, and supplies. This is an excellent opportunity for you to help Alabama's Future Workforce get a head start on their college and/or career pathway - and you may also be eligible for up to **50% state tax credit for your donation (See [FAQ](#) for more information)**.

Students may enroll in a wide variety of high wage, high demand programs - such as: Manufacturing, Welding, Allied Health, Construction, Aviation Maintenance, and Industrial Engineering, just to name a few.

## Alabama Future Workforce Initiative (AFWI) Q&A

*For tax years commencing Jan. 1, 2015, and thereafter, the Alabama Future Workforce Initiative (AFWI) (Act 2014-147) allows a taxpayer who files a state income tax return (and is not a dependent of another taxpayer) to claim a tax credit for donating to the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education in support of the Career-Technical Dual Enrollment Program. The donor may be eligible to receive up to 50 percent of the total donation back in the form of a tax credit.*

### **What does my donation support?**

Contributions to the Career-Technical Dual Enrollment Program help pay for student scholarships (tuition, fees, books, materials and supplies) for eligible high school students to enroll in college-level career-technical Education courses at Alabama community colleges.

### **How much can I donate?**

Donations of any amount may be contributed. However, limitations apply to the tax credit that can be claimed. The tax credit can be claimed by a taxpayer in an amount equal to 50 percent of the total contribution made to the Department of Postsecondary Education during the taxable year for which the credit is claimed. Such credit may not exceed an amount greater than 50 percent of the taxpayer's total Alabama income tax liability, and in no case more than \$500,000 for any given tax year. A taxpayer may carry forward all or part of a tax credit granted to the taxpayer for a period of up to three years.

**Who can donate?**

Anyone can donate, although, only taxpayers filing Alabama state income tax returns (and who are not a dependent of another taxpayer) can receive the tax credit. A taxpayer is defined as an individual, a married couple filing jointly (regardless of whether or not they have children in school), a limited liability company, a corporation, or any other business entity lawfully organized and created under the laws of Alabama or other state.

**What is the difference between a tax credit and tax deduction?**

A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the actual tax liability or tax owed. A tax deduction only reduces total taxable income from which the taxes owed are calculated. The tax credit is taken at the time the Alabama income tax form is filed.

**What's the difference in funds that I have been donating to schools for years and this initiative?**

Contributions to schools have been tax deductible for many years. A tax deduction allows you to subtract the amount of a contribution from the amount of your taxable income. The Alabama Future Workforce Initiative (AFWI) (Career-Technical Dual Enrollment Tax Credit Program) allows for a tax credit, which is subtracted from the amount of state income taxes you owe.

**Can I choose which college or program of study should benefit?**

Yes, provided that your institution of choice currently has or is in the process of expanding its dual enrollment program to include the designated career-technical program(s). You can designate up to 80 percent of the contribution to career-technical program(s). The designation must be made at the time of donation.

**Are all Alabama Community College System institutions participating?**

All Alabama public community and technical colleges, with the exception of Ingram State Technical College, Marion Military Institute and Alabama Technology Network, are eligible to participate and offer various career-technical programs of study.

**Are all Alabama high schools participating?**

All Alabama public high schools are eligible to participate, as well as those private high schools that meet or exceed the Alabama State Department of Education approved minimum high school standards. For eligibility questions pertaining to home-schooled students, contact the Dual Enrollment Coordinator.

**Does my contribution provide scholarships to both public and private high school students?**

Yes. Students who meet the eligibility requirements established by the State Board of Education may participate.

**For tax filing purposes, what documentation will I receive as proof of my contribution?**

Once you have made your contribution, a receipt will be provided to you by the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education for tax filing purposes. You may indicate on the donation form whether you prefer to have the receipt mailed to you or sent to you electronically. Notification of your contribution will be electronically submitted to the Alabama Department of Revenue by the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education. At tax filing time, you should provide a copy of the receipt to your tax preparer and maintain a copy for your records.

**When can I begin contributing?**

Contributions that qualify for a tax credit under this program may be made for tax years beginning on Jan. 1, 2015, and thereafter. You can complete the attached form and submit your donation electronically or you can fill in the Tax Credit Donation Form and write a check made payable to: The Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education. If you choose to write a check, mail the form and your check to the address shown on the form. The donation must be postmarked no later than the last day of the tax year that applies to the donor to take advantage of the tax credit for that tax year.

**Can I also claim a state and/or federal income tax deduction for my contribution?**

You cannot claim a State of Alabama income tax deduction for the same donation used to calculate your Alabama tax credit. You should contact your tax advisor for more information regarding the eligibility of your donation for a federal income tax deduction.

Please contact the Dual Enrollment Coordinator at [dual.enrollment@dpe.edu](mailto:dual.enrollment@dpe.edu), or call 334.293.4500 for more specific details or if you have questions.

# Why donate?

Your donation will provide eligible high school students an opportunity to concurrently enroll in college-level career and technical education courses and prepare them to enter the workforce in high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand occupations.

- Contributions can be made by individuals, businesses, and LLCs.
- Contributions must be made payable to the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education.
- Donors may receive an Alabama State Income Tax Credit equal to 50 percent of the contribution.
- Tax credit is limited to an amount not greater than 50 percent of the donor's annual Alabama Income Tax liability.
- In no case may a donor receive more than a \$500,000 tax credit in a single year.
- Annual cap for total tax credits issued for this program is \$5,000,000.
- It is not a requirement to have a child enrolled in a high school to donate.
- The Alabama Future Workforce Initiative (AFWI) (Act 2014-147) was established by the 2014 Alabama State Legislature.

Donation Form:

# Alabama Future Workforce Initiative (AFWI) Tax Credit Donation Form



**Yes! Please accept my donation of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support  
Alabama Future Workforce Initiative**

**1. Career-Technical Dual Enrollment Program Donation - No Specific Designation**

**AND / OR**

**2. Career-Technical Dual Enrollment Program Donation - Specific Designation of \_\_\_%**  
(If also checking box #1, specific designation must not be more than **80%** of total)

Alabama Community/Technical College Institution(s):

*(You may list more than one Institution)*

Career-technical program(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Contact the Dual Enrollment Coordinator for a list of eligible programs.)*

Donor's Full name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Payer ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Social Security Number or FEIN)*

Please  Mail  Email my tax receipt

*(Contact your tax advisor for more information.)*

**Print this form, attach a check and mail to:**  
Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education  
Attention: Dual Enrollment Coordinator  
P.O. Box 302130  
Montgomery, AL 36130-2130

*Please contact the Dual Enrollment Coordinator at [dual.enrollment@dpe.edu](mailto:dual.enrollment@dpe.edu),  
or at 334.293.4500, with questions or for more specific details.*

Dual Enrollment Act (link to document)

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