

Frequently Asked Questions – ForTaxpayers

What is a tax credit?

A tax credit is an amount a taxpayer can subtract from their income taxes. The Qualified Foster Child Donation Tax Credit (FSA tax credit) is a Georgia tax credit that can be used to reduce state income taxes.

How are these funds used?

Any FSA tax credit dollars that are sent to Bloom will be used to support Transition Age Youth (TAY) – children and young adults who are aging out of or have recently left foster care (i.e. 16-26 years of age). The funds will be used primarily for direct expenses (tuition, school supplies, rent, clothing, food, etc.), or administrative costs supporting the Bloom Beyond program. More information on Bloom Beyond can be found here: <https://bloomfosters.org/bloom-beyond/>.

How do I get the tax credit?

Getting the tax credit is a three-step process:

1. Apply for the credit on the Georgia Tax Center (GTC) websiteat: <https://gtc.dor.ga.gov/>. If you do not already have one, you will need to create a GTC login. Once logged in, follow the steps in the pre-approval application process found here: <https://bloomfosters.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/QFCD-Preapproval-Instructions-FINAL.pdf>. Once your application has been approved, you will receive a confirmation in the mail.
- 2.Once you have received a pre-approval, make your donation to Bloom via the online giving portal: <https://bloomfosters.org/donate/>. Choose a value up to your pre-approved amount, and ensure you select the “This is my FSA Tax Credit Donation” check box.
- 3.Lastly, file the 2024 IT-QFCD-TP2 tax form, found here: <https://dor.georgia.gov/document/document/2024-it-qfcd-tp2-qualified-foster-child-donation-credit-computationpdf/download> along with your tax return to claim your tax credit.

How long does it take to receive a pre-approval?

The Georgia Department of Revenue will review your application and notify you within 30 days. Typically, applications are processed within a week.

Can I view the status of my application online?

Yes, your application approval letter will be posted to the 'Action Center' section of the GTC site.

Can I donate stock for the tax credit?

No. We can only accept cash for FSA tax credit donations.

What are the contribution limits per year?

There are contribution limits depending on your tax filing status:

Single, Head of Household: Up to \$2500.

Married, Filing Jointly: Up to \$5,000.

S-Corp, LLC or Partnership: Up to \$5,000.

C-Corp, Trust or Pass-through Entity: Up to 10% of the entity's income tax liability.

These limits are applicable from January 1st to June 30th. Starting July 1st, you can submit an application for any amount (assuming the annual pool of funds has not been exhausted).

Can I apply/donate more than once?

Yes, you can submit multiple applications throughout the year as long as you don't exceed the contribution limit from January through June, or that the tax credit pool has not been fully used for if applying in the back half of the year.

Why is the amount I applied for higher than what I was approved to contribute?

You will be approved for a lower amount if the amount you requested is higher than the contribution limits (based on your tax filing status) for the first half of the year or if the total yearly funds available for the credit has already been met.

Is this a donation?

This is not a donation. Rather, it is directing the state of Georgia on how you would like a portion of your tax dollars spent. Rather than your tax dollars going towards general state expenditures,

this process allows you to redirect those dollars to a worthy cause. Of course Bloom does accept general donations.

Can I claim the tax credit on my federal taxes as a charitable donation?

You cannot claim your contribution as both a charitable donation on your federal return and a tax credit on your state return. You can either claim the tax credit on your Georgia state return only **or** claim your contribution as a general charitable donation on both your federal income tax return and your Georgia state tax return.

What happens to the difference if I was approved for a higher amount than I end up contributing and claiming on my taxes?

Any uncontributed funds will be added back to the total tax credit pool and you are only able to claim the amount of the contribution on your tax return.

What happens to the difference if I was approved for a certain amount, contributed that amount, but my total state tax owed for the year turns out to be less than my contribution?

The difference will carry forward and can be applied to your future tax liability within the next three years.

What if I've overpaid or contributed more than my tax liability?

It depends. If you've paid/withheld more than your tax liability for the year, you will be due a refund. If you've made a tax credit contribution beyond your tax liability, that credit can be carried forward up to three years.

Assuming your tax liability for this year is \$1000, here are some possible scenarios:

- ☐ If you were to make a tax credit donation of \$1000, you would fully meet your tax liability.
- ☐ If you were to make a tax credit donation of \$1200, you would have contributed more than your tax liability and \$200 of that tax credit could be carried forward to the subsequent three years.
- ☐ If, during the year, you withheld \$500 and also made a tax credit donation of \$500, you have fully met your tax liability for the year.

- ☐ If, during the year, you withheld \$500 and also made a tax credit donation of \$700, you have exceeded your tax liability and \$200 of your tax payments will be refunded to you.
- ☐ If, during the year, you withheld \$1200 and also made a tax credit donation of \$300, you have exceeded your tax liability and you would receive a \$500 refund.

If my tax credit payments are less than my state tax liability, will I owe the difference?

Yes.

Can the tax credit be used to offset estimated tax payments?

Yes, as long as the estimate is for the current year that the contribution is made.

If I don't make my contribution within 60 days of the approval do I have to start over and apply again?

Yes, if you don't make a contribution within 60 days of the approval letter issue date or by the end of the calendar year (whichever comes first) you will have to apply again.

What forms do I need to file with my tax return?

The Georgia [Form IT-QECD-TP2](#). Bloom will send you a completed copy of the form once you have made a contribution. If you are filing electronically you do not need to attach this form and can keep it for your records.

How do I itemize the tax credit on my return?

On your Georgia state return, you will look for tax credits. Select "Business & Individual" credit. Select Code 151 in the drop down menu. Enter the amount you contributed and enter the Department of Revenue approval certificate number. The amount you paid will automatically be applied.

Is a tax deduction more advantageous than a tax credit?

Tax credits are generally more beneficial than the same amount of a tax deductible donation. Tax deductions reduce your taxable income, whereas tax credits reduce the actual amount of tax owed.