



# 2016

- You must apply for your credit and have approval **before** making your charitable gift
- Gifts must be made to a permanent endowment fund at a qualified community foundation, its affiliate foundation or a county-specific fund
- The tax credit is 20% of the charitable gift (Example: a \$5,000 charitable gift would provide a \$1,000 credit)
- Maximum credit per taxpayer is \$10,000 (20% of \$50,000 = \$10,000)
- The tax credit is not refundable, but may be carried forward up to 5 years
- For more information go to [www.revenue.ky.gov](http://www.revenue.ky.gov) or call the Kentucky Department of Revenue at 502.564.8139

**Contact Heather Cash at the Community Foundation BEFORE you apply for your Endow Kentucky Tax Credit.**  
**502.855.6955 or [heatherc@cflouisville.org](mailto:heatherc@cflouisville.org)**

## ENDOW KENTUCKY TAX CREDIT

By making a gift to a new or existing permanent endowment fund at the Community Foundation, you may qualify for a state tax credit in addition to your Federal tax deduction. This is a tax-wise way to create a lasting legacy and support Kentucky charities, counties or communities forever.

## TAX CREDIT VS. TAX DEDUCTION

Endow Kentucky features a tax **credit**, which is different than a tax deduction. A tax deduction reduces your taxable income, so the value depends on your income tax bracket. A tax credit lowers your tax bill dollar for dollar, no matter your tax bracket.

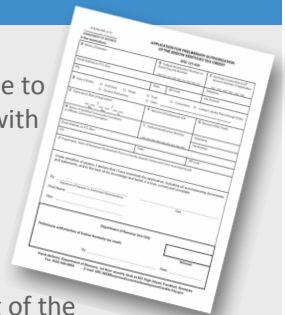
## LIMITED OPPORTUNITY

State tax credits are available to individuals and corporations on a first-come, first-served basis beginning **July 1, 2016**. To be eligible for the Endow Kentucky tax credit, you must receive prior approval through the Kentucky Department of Revenue before your charitable gift is made. Keep in mind that tax credits will likely be depleted before the deadline of June 30, 2017. In fact, last year the tax credits were depleted in the first week. If you are considering a charitable gift that may be eligible for the tax credit, we encourage you to

discuss your charitable plans with your tax advisor as soon as possible.

## HOW TO APPLY

1. Contact Heather Cash at the Community Foundation of Louisville to obtain an application pre-printed with certain required information.
2. Complete, sign and submit the application on **July 1, 2016**. The Community Foundation can assist you with the preparation and filing of the application.
3. Following a review by the Department of Revenue, a Preliminary Authorization Letter will be issued to you.
4. You will have 30 days from the date of the Preliminary Authorization to make your gift to the Community Foundation of Louisville for your chosen fund.
5. Within 10 days of making your gift, the Community Foundation of Louisville will complete a Schedule ENDOW on your behalf and send it to the Department of Revenue as proof of your charitable gift.
6. The Department of Revenue will review the Schedule ENDOW and send final approval to you.



*Please consult your tax advisor before making this or any other charitable gift.*



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