

The **STRONG FAMILIES** Tax Credit Program

Established in 2021

Supports eligible charitable organizations, like our Naples, Florida based non-profit, Better Together, which provides services focused on child welfare and well-being. Under the Tax credit program, taxpayers can make private monetary contributions to Better Together and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit up to 5 million dollars per fiscal year.

SEVERANCE TAX- GAS AND OIL PRODUCTION

100%

One hundred percent of an eligible contribution is allowed as a **credit against the severance tax on oil and gas production.**

However, the total amount of credit claimed on each return must not exceed 50% of the tax due. If the Strong Families, Florida Tax Scholarship Tax, or New Worlds Reading Initiative tax credits are combined and exceed 50% of the tax due on a return, the credits must be taken in the following order:

1. **Florida Tax Scholarship Tax Credit**
2. **Strong Families Tax Credit**
3. **New Worlds Reading Initiative Tax Credit**

A copy of the Certificate of Contribution from each eligible charitable organization must be attached to your tax return when claiming the credit.

Applications may be submitted beginning on the first business day in January for contributions to be made in the state fiscal year beginning the following July 1.

The Department will accept applications for an allocation of credit against the severance tax until the allotted credit cap amount is reached or until the end of the applicable state fiscal year, whichever occurs first.

If you cannot use the full amount of the tax credit in the given year, you can carry forward the amount of the unused tax credit for up to 10 years.

Example 1: For state fiscal year 2021-2022, oil and gas production taxpayers applying for a credit allocation may submit an application between October 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022, assuming the annual allocation is not exhausted before the time of application. In this example, the taxpayer must contribute to the eligible charitable organization between January 1, 2022, and June 30, 2022. The credit can be claimed after the contribution is made and before June 30, 2022. If the credit amount is not fully used before June 30, 2022, the unused credit can be carried forward up to 10 years.

Example 2: For state fiscal year 2022-2023, oil and gas production taxpayers applying for a credit allocation may submit an application between January 3, 2022, and June 30, 2023, assuming the annual allocation is not exhausted before the time of application. In this example, the taxpayer must contribute to the eligible charitable organization between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023. The credit can be claimed after the contribution is made and before June 30, 2023. If the credit amount is not fully used before June 30, 2023, the unused credit can be carried forward up to 10 years.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on Better Together and the Strong Families Tax Credit Program, including a link to the Department of Revenue webpage and forms: visit StrongFamiliesTaxCredit.org or contact Lora Bostick at (304) 886-2776 or Lora@bettertogetherus.org



References: ss. 211.0253 and 402.62, F.S.