



## Invest in Oregon's Cultural Future, Earn a Very Generous Reward

Anyone who is a member of or donates to any of Oregon's more than 1,300 heritage, humanities and arts nonprofits is eligible for a very generous tax credit from the State of Oregon. *If, by December 31, you match your cultural contributions with a gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust, at tax time you'll be able to claim an only-in-Oregon cultural tax credit for 100% of your Trust donation.*

A tax credit saves more than a deduction because it ... *reduces taxes owed*. And the cultural tax credit - unique to Oregon - is *very* generous: up to \$500 for individuals, \$1,000 for couples filing jointly and \$2,500 for corporations. The cultural credit can be claimed by anyone who files an Oregon income tax return, whether you itemize deductions or not, use the short form or the long.

Here's how it works. Add up your 2010 tax-deductible cultural memberships and donations. If you have

Joined a public broadcaster	\$ 35
Paid dues to the historical society	\$ 35
Become a member of an art museum	\$ 35
Given to the library building campaign	\$ 50
Contributed to a school or college foundation	<u>\$ 75</u>
for a total of	\$230,

match that with a \$230 gift to the Cultural Trust. Your donation to the Trust *costs you nothing* since it returns to you as 100%, dollar-for-dollar tax credit, *reducing your Oregon taxes* by \$230.

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You give twice but it only costs you once *and* you support 1,300 cultural nonprofits in every Oregon county. Now, *that's* smart giving!

Use the Trust's searchable database to confirm the eligibility of your cultural donations:

[http://www.culturaltrust.org/programs/beneficiaries\\_qualifying\\_non\\_profits.php](http://www.culturaltrust.org/programs/beneficiaries_qualifying_non_profits.php).

Then, by December 31, donate

Online        [www.culturaltrust.org](http://www.culturaltrust.org)  
By Phone     503-986-0088  
By Mail       Oregon Cultural Trust  
                  775 Summer Street NE, Ste 200-G  
                  Salem, OR 97301

58¢ of every dollar raised by the Cultural Trust remains in a permanent endowment to support culture in Oregon. The other 42¢ returns to the community in the form of grants. Since the Trust began fundraising and grantmaking in 2002, more than \$9 million has been distributed in grants that benefit every county in Oregon and the permanent fund has grown to over \$12 million.

The Trust now has more than 17,000 donors. Join them! by December 31. When you do, you'll receive a generous *thank you!* from the State of Oregon.

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