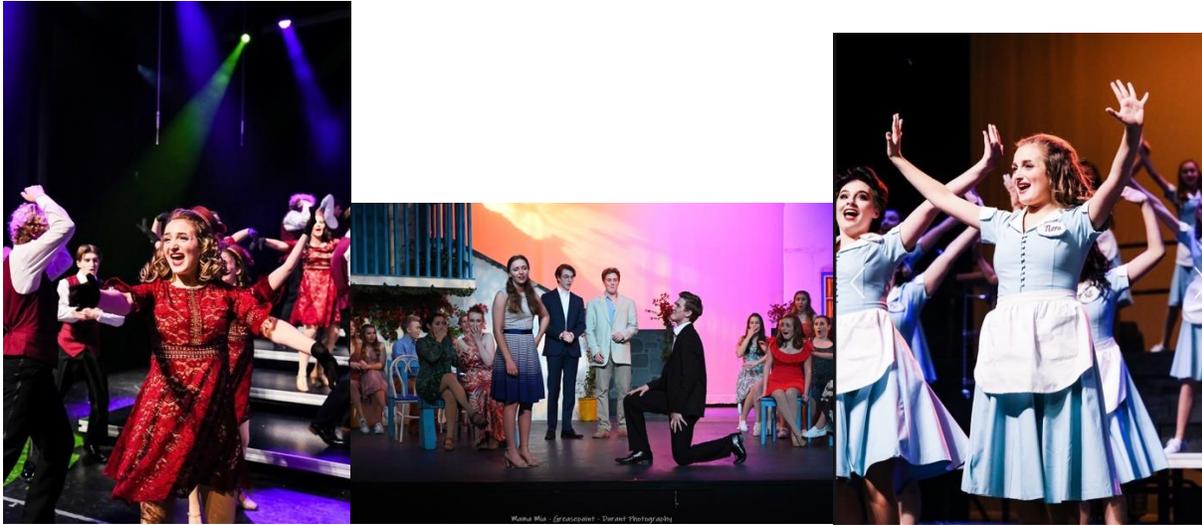


Below you will find as sample of a personal letter as an example to send to friends & family along with a tax credit form. We have bolded the portion that anyone can use. Make the letter work for you!

We highly recommend adding some pictures! Over the years, choir families have sent out many tax credit letters and then thank you notes. One 2-kid choir nearly exclusively relied on tax credits and did not pay for participation fees, tours or tax credit eligible field trip totaling over \$13,000. This can work!

Our families that are on the financial aid plans have been successful in getting at least one tax credit as well! Try it – it doesn't take much money (some stamps and colored printing) and not a lot of time!

If you have any questions, please reach out. [President@HorizonChoirs.com](mailto:President@HorizonChoirs.com)



Broadway Under the Stars 2021, Greasepaint's Mama Mia 2019, Broadway Under the Stars 2018

December 1, 2021

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you for your support over the years encouraging me in pursuit of my passions of musical theater and choir. From my very first performance in Kindergarten as Rosebud in the JCC Youth Theater's production of Alice & Wonderland Jr, I just knew that I LOVE TO PERFORM! Forever grateful that my parents enrolled me in a school district that recognizes the importance of the arts, I was overjoyed to join choir at Sonoran Sky Elementary School. It was during a choir field trip to see a matinee performance of Horizon Choirs Broadway Under the Stars that I made up my mind that I would be on that stage someday. So I participated in both Desert Harmony and BRAVO choirs while at Desert Shadows Middle School and then was overjoyed when the audition results were announced in March 2018: I was a Horizon Choirs Decibelle!

I also continued to be involved with youth theater: my most memorable roles were Wendy in Peter Pan Jr and Lou Ann in Hairspray with the JCC Youth Theater and I was over-the-moon to have been selected as part of the ensemble cast of Greasepaint Youth Theater's production of Mama Mia in Fall 2019. All the while, I've taken piano, singing & dancing lessons while enhancing other related skill sets like song leading and sight

reading. I honed in my vocal skills and was selected three times for the Arizona North Central Regional Honor Choir. This year, I was thrilled when I qualified as the 7<sup>th</sup> Soprano Chair in the All-State Show Choir.

The pandemic was a shock. Choir class online? Zoom voice & dance lessons? Virtual Songleader Show Choir Camps of America? No live theater? It all sounds like a bad dystopian novel but it was real. To be honest, choir was the thing that got me out of bed each morning and motivated me to turn on my computer. After a second year in Decibelles where I served as that choir's president, I was thrilled to be selected for Step on Stage for my junior year. It was so hard to perform Broadway Under the Stars five months delayed and wearing masks but we did it and it was wonderful. As a senior I am now serving as the Vice President of Step on Stage and am filled with disbelief that my time with this amazing choir program is coming to a close. My final Broadway Under the Stars (October 2021) was the most memorable show choir concert to date. Holding hands with my fellow choir members singing Seasons of Love (RENT) was a surreal experience.

Horizon High School's choir program continues to be the largest in student enrollment in the state of Arizona. It has defined my high school experience providing me and my fellow choir members a healthy mix of competition and pure enjoyment as we share our gifts and talents of music and showmanship with others through unique experiences. I have been so fortunate to have had the opportunity to participate in two mini-tours during freshman and sophomore years. Unfortunately, there were no tours last year due to covid. This school year, I have exciting opportunity to travel to NAME OF LOCATION in March 2022. The tour and where we will be performing are still being finalized, but, as traditionally is done, we will have the opportunity to do an exchange with a choir program in a surrounding area of the city.

I am looking forward to the completion of my choir experience and TOUR! As you can imagine, this trip will be expensive considering I am responsible for transportation, lodging, meals, and my share of the cost of workshops, etc. I am trying to raise a total of \$2,000 to pay for this trip.

Due to the public school funding here in Arizona, our choir program receives no funding from the school. This means that in order to purchase costumes, music, t-shirts, props, pay for accompanists and guest clinicians etc. the program relies on the financial contributions from each individual choir student. These costs can add up and in order to participate in all of the choir events, and help our choir program stay at such a high level of quality, I need to reach my financial commitment as a student. I am writing to you to ask for your financial assistance via Arizona's Tax Credit program to help offset my choir fees. I would very much appreciate your support with this musical enrichment opportunity. If you are able to donate towards the fees, you can make a check payable to "Horizon High School". Another option to contribute is by credit card. If you would like to contribute by credit card, e-mail my mom at [alison.feinberg@gmail.com](mailto:alison.feinberg@gmail.com) and she can send directions under separate cover to you.

Our choir is always hard at work preparing our music and performances so that we can be the best representatives of Horizon High School throughout the year. I appreciate your positive thoughts for us as we prepare and work. Thank you for considering helping me to participate in this wonderful program. Your support and encouragement mean more than you know. If you have questions about the program you can contact me or my choir director at Horizon High School.

Sincerely,  
Nora Feinberg

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