

Dear Friends of the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra,

We are pleased to announce that the Jefferson Symphony Association was approved on May 19th for the Colorado Enterprise Zone program that allows donors to receive Colorado State Income Tax credits for their contributions.

Donors having made a certified contribution to the JSO may claim 25% of a cash donation as an income tax credit, and half of that amount (12.5%) for an in-kind donation. The actual credit earned is calculated based on all eligible contributions totaling \$100 or more made during the tax year and after May 19th, 2016.

This example shows the simple math for some donors, but consult your tax advisor for your specific situation:

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| \$1,000.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Your donation to the JSO |
| -\$250.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Your Enterprise Zone (EZ) State Tax Credit |
| -\$248.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Your Federal Income Tax Savings |
| -\$48.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Your State Income Tax Savings |
| \$454.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Your After-tax Cost of Giving |

To participate in the EZ program, you must provide the JSO with the last 4 numbers of your SSN, or if you are a tax-paying Colorado business, your EIN along with other contact information. Simply complete the JSO Donor Form, which can be found on the JSO website by clicking [here](#).

The JSO will provide you confirmation of your donation. Twice during the calendar year, JSO will forward a copy of the Certification of Qualified Enterprise Zone Contribution, DR 0075, showing your eligible donations. You report your EZ donation when you file your Colorado State Income Taxes. Then, the state verifies your eligibility, and if all criteria are met, processes your tax credit.

You can learn more about the Enterprise Zone Program by calling the Colorado Department of revenue at (303-238-7378) or by reading Colorado's Publication, *FYI Income 23: Tax Credit for Contributions to Enterprise Zone Administrators, Programs, Projects, or Organizations*.

Please consider giving a donation today, since the JSO ends its fiscal year on May 31, but also is preparing for its exciting 64th 2016-2017 Season. And please watch for an email announcing our 64th Season concert schedule. We hope you will consider buying a season ticket so that you can enjoy listening to the music that your donation supports!

Can't afford a donation now? Then please consider giving a donation or making a pledge to pay before December 31st, 2016, so that you can take advantage of this new tax credit opportunity.

You can make donations in several ways:

- By mail with a check: Print and complete the Donor Form, found on our website at www.Jeffsymphony.org, and send it to Jefferson Symphony, Attn: Donations, PO Box 546, Golden, CO 80402
- By credit or debit card: Call the JSO office at 303-278-4237 or click on this button and follow the instructions to complete your donation through Colorado Gives.



- By check or cash: Visit the JSO office at 1204 Washington Avenue, Suite 5, Golden, CO 80401

Also, please check out the website, www.Jeffsymphony.org, for the new Donor Bill of Rights and policies to see how your donation will be acknowledged and recognized. You may also donate through Colorado Gives on the website, and the Donor Form is also posted there for your convenience.

What better way is there to support the JSO than receiving EZ money back in your pocket? The JSO is passionate about making beautiful music for you to enjoy. Your donation will allow us to keep the music playing for this season, and if you make a large donation, it can help to sustain the JSO for many years to come.

Thank you in advance for your donation.

Sincerely,
Kevin O'Connor
JSO Board Chair