

Important News for 2009 Tax Returns

It's tax time again and this year Michigan taxpayers can contribute \$5, \$10, or more to any of the new funds on you can find on Form 4642, Voluntary Contributions Schedule. For the first time in Michigan this includes the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Called the Michigan Council for the Arts Fund, contributions are for local grant programs that help to keep our communities thriving with quality arts and culture. Individuals may contribute \$5 or more to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs in support of local arts and cultural events. These contributions are returned to local communities and non-profit organizations in the form of grants. Programs and services funded by these monies include arts education and low-cost performances and exhibits.

Help to support grants coming directly to your community's arts and cultural organizations by contributing to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs through this tax check off opportunity. For more information go to the Department of Treasury's website at <https://treas-secure.state.mi.us/apps/TaxFormSearch/formsearch.asp> and search for form 4642.

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