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Donation Requests

State Credit Union is proud to be involved in the programs that strengthen our communities and enrich our lives. We are dedicated to making a difference and emphasize the significance of improving the financial lives of our members and others. If your organization has a similar focus and would like to request a cash or in-kind donation, non-profit event sponsorship, or non-profit event advertising, please review our donation guidelines below and submit a State Credit Union Donation Request Form. Please be aware that these guidelines do not cover every possibility or special need, and State Credit Union may make exceptions when reviewing donation requests.

Donation Guidelines

- Donations must benefit a 501(C) (3) organization. Special consideration will be given to organizations who share SCU's mission to improve the financial lives of our members.
- Donation requests to benefit an individual's cause or a single family's cause are not eligible.
- Requests must specify a donation amount or range. If request is granted, check will be made payable to organization, not an individual.
- SCU requires a minimum 45-day notice for donation requests.
- SCU generally grants only one donation request per organization, per calendar year.
- Donations must go to benefit the residents of South Carolina and specifically the communities our branches serve.
- The following requests are not eligible:
 - Individuals
 - International Organizations
 - Travel or Conferences for employees of non-profit organizations
 - Political Action Committees (PACs), political causes or candidates
 - Religious organizations
 - Private Foundations
- All donation requests must be submitted in writing, accompanied by a State Credit Union Donation Request Form.

Hardship Accounts

Members sometimes ask about establishing an account for a family, friend, or group when tragedy strikes or in times of hardship. An account can be established to receive donations for an individual or group following these guidelines:

- The account must be established by an SCU member who volunteers to be the responsible party. This person's social security number will be used for tax reporting purposes and is responsible for any tax reporting that may be necessary.
- The volunteer accountholder may be a contributor, recipient or third party and should not be an SCU officer, director, or employee. SCU will not be involved in the determination of the volunteer accountholder.
- The account may be nicknamed to reflect the hardship victim and will be subject to the same terms and agreements as any other SCU account.
- All checks deposited to the account should be made payable to the name of the account or account number.
- SCU will not be responsible in any way for how the benefactor(s) uses the funds.
- SCU will not be responsible for the promotion or advertisement of the account.