



Our charitable giving policies

Commitment to Service, including monetary donations, is an important part of who we are as a Gulf South financial and community partner. For us to consider a charitable contribution request, an organization must be a tax-exempt, not-for-profit entity as defined under Section 501(c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service Code. Additionally, the requesting organization's mission must align with our Hancock Whitney mission, purpose, and core values.

What We Exclude

We typically cannot consider charitable contributions requests for

- Individuals, including but not limited to pageant contestants, individual student trips or projects and individual athletes;
- Multi-year commitments (without specific rationale and annual review by us);
- Operating costs of organizations funded or supported by United Way donations;
- Legislators, political groups, or campaigns not covered by our Political Action Committee (PAC).

What We Need

To review a charitable contribution request, we must have a letter or email and documents with the

- Legal name of the organization (IRS Form 990)
- Verification of tax-exempt, not-for-profit status
- Current W-9
- Organizational mission
- Amount and reason for request
- Project details, including budget, objectives and timeline
- Organizational statement of income and expenses
- List of board of directors and affiliations
- Other pertinent information

Requests—including cover letters and other documents—should not be more than five single-spaced typed pages.

How We Review

We reserve the right to review, evaluate, accept or decline requests for contributions and/or volunteers based on pre-approved budgets, corporate objectives and established decision-making guidelines, processes and protocols. Receipt, acceptance or consideration of a request does not constitute approval of the request.



Our charitable contributions committees strive to review active requests within six weeks of receipt but may take longer because of missing information and other factors affecting final decisions.

We communicate approved charitable contributions requests verbally, in writing, or by email. The sheer volume of requests may impact how we notify groups about donations we are not able to make.

Regional Contacts

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[Florida North & Central Regions](#)

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