



Nonprofit Eligibility Criteria

Giving Day is open to nonprofit organizations that meet the following criteria:

- It is a registered tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)3 of the IRS code
- Funds raised on Giving Day must directly benefit Fairfield County residents or programs located in Fairfield County

Special requirement for programs operated within and under a higher-education tax exempt status:

- Specific program, department or scholarship must be listed as the focus of fundraising during the Giving Day campaign

Special requirement for organizations and programs operated with religious intent, mission and purpose:

- Allocate 100% of funds generated through this campaign for non-religious programs, services and activities (i.e. food pantry, educational programs)
- Allow individuals to benefit from the specified program, service or activity without discrimination on the basis of religion, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, veteran, or disability status, and without requiring participation in religious programming
- Specify the program, service or activity that the funding will support

Special requirement for organizations and programs focused on research (i.e. medical/disease research)

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Your organization is NOT eligible for participation if:

- It is a political, labor or fraternal organization
- It is a church, synagogue or similar religious organization, or organizations that are religiously affiliated (review special requirement for organizations and programs operated with religious intent, mission and purpose above)
- It is a PreK-12 school (public, private, or parochial) - PTAs/PTOs are eligible to register if they have a tax-exempt status
- It is a sports team or league (for example, Little League or Pop Warner)
- It's only purpose and function is grantmaking (i.e. non-operating foundations)
- It is an organization that denies service to a potential client or beneficiary on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, veteran, or disability status

Fairfield County's Community Foundation reserves the right to determine eligibility. **If you have questions about your organization's eligibility, please email info@fccfoundation.org.**