

2018 Centre Gives Participation Guidelines

Organizational Eligibility

To participate in Centre Gives, an organization must:

- Be a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Organizations must maintain their 501(c)(3) status throughout the event and following grant distribution period, and must alert Centre Foundation to any changes in their status as soon as possible.
- Be a local organization whose primary purpose is to serve the local area.
- Apply to, and upon approval, receive an invitation to participate by Centre Foundation.
- Agree to use all money raised during Centre Gives – donations, stretch pool funds, and prize money – to benefit Centre County through programs which comply with Centre Foundation’s non-discrimination policy.
- Agree to abide by all guidelines, rules, and eligibility requirements.
- Fill out registration information on Centre Gives website.

The following organizations are not eligible for Centre Gives:

- Government or educational entities with taxing authority, or divisions primarily funded by those entities with tax authority.
- Organizations designated by the IRS as private non-operating foundations.

Terms of Participation

1. Centre Gives is a discretionary granting program of Centre Foundation, providing grants to local charitable organizations in the form of pro-rated stretch pool funds and prizes.
2. Participating charitable organizations are defined as organizations which have applied, been invited to participate, and completed and signed a Centre Gives 2018 Nonprofit Participation Contract.
3. A donor is defined as an individual or corporation/business. Charitable organizations are prohibited from donating to themselves. Donors are encouraged to make gifts to multiple organizations.
4. Centre Foundation will provide \$100,000 in pro-rated stretch pool fund grants. The minimum donation amount is \$25. For any single gift greater than \$10,000, only the first \$10,000 will be considered for stretch pool funds. The amount of donations to Centre Gives that will qualify for the Stretch Pool calculation is limited to the maximum of 10% of total qualifying Centre Gives donations on a per organization basis. The total amount of stretch pool funds received by each organization will be assessed prior to the deduction of participation fees.

5. Credit or debit card donations received during the 36-hour period (8 A.M. Tuesday, May 8 – 8 P.M. Wednesday, May 9) will be eligible for the pro-rated stretch pool for this event. Cash or check donations cannot be accepted. Centre Foundation Donor Advised Funds will be able to recommend distributions prior to the event, and will qualify for stretch pool funds through Centre Gives.

6. Participation fees will be 5% of credit and debit card donations and will be subtracted from the total amount raised.

7. Each gift is tax-deductible and irrevocable. Centre Foundation will provide each donor a receipt indicating no goods or services were provided in exchange for these contributions. As such – donors may not receive anything but a small item or other benefit of token value in exchange for their contributions. Donors may not receive raffle tickets, bingo tickets, lottery tickets or other games of chance as these are specifically excluded as contributions by the Internal Revenue Service.

8. Centre Foundation values donor privacy. Donor names may be recognized in the Centre Foundation publications, websites, or other forms of public recognition – unless the gift is designated as anonymous. Nonprofit organizations receiving gifts during Centre Gives will receive the name, email, phone number, billing address, and contribution amount of each donor. Anonymous donors' information will not be shared with the recipient organization. Centre Foundation does not retain credit card information; donors' personal data will not be shared with or sold to any outside vendor or third party, except to provide requested donor services.

9. Approximately one month after Centre Gives, Centre Foundation will be prepared to distribute checks to participating organizations. Receipt of the check will occur after the organization returns a fully executed disbursement form, detailing the total amount raised by the organization, any prizes awarded to the organization, the share of the stretch pool that the organization earned, and the 5% participation fee charged to the organization.

10. Certain other conditions may apply, and determination of compliance with any and all conditions of the grant, interpretation of grant conditions, and determination of the amount to be disbursed to any grantee shall be within the sole discretion of Centre Foundation.