



Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Lodge Matching Donations

Purpose

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts established the Lodge Matching Donation Program to assist Lodges with their voluntary support of eligible non-profit organizations. Qualified donations will be matched by the Grand Lodge.

Eligible Institutions

All institutions must be located within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. They must be non-profit [501(c)3] and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as institutions to which contributions are deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes.

Masonic

All Masonic charities, including DeMolay and Rainbow, are eligible.

Community Service

Eligible Community Service organizations include primary and secondary schools, police or fire departments, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League, and other service groups.

Cultural Institutions

Cultural Institutions eligible to receive matching donations include performing arts organizations (music, dance, theater); museums and art centers; science centers (planetariums, zoos, arboretums, etc.); historical organizations; libraries; and public radio and television stations.

Hospital

Privately endowed institutions, accredited by state license and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals as listed in the *AHA Guide to the Health Care Field* are eligible to receive matching donations.

Social Service

The Grand Lodge will match donations to qualified social service organizations. Organizations will be required to demonstrate qualified status as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

Eligible Contributions

The Grand Lodge will match Lodge donations subject to the following limitations between September 1 and August 31:

- \$100 Minimum Donation
- \$1,000 Annual Maximum Match per Lodge
- To Qualify for the program, donations must:
 - paid, not merely pledged.
 - paid from Lodge funds with the necessary approval by the members of the lodge.
 - made in the form of a check or money order.

How the Program Operates

The Lodge completes the “Application for Lodge Matching Donation” and sends the form to the Grand Treasurer. The Grand Treasurer verifies the eligibility of the Lodge, the gift, and the institution. A matching check is then mailed to the Lodge Secretary within 30-days of receipt of the application.

The Grand Lodge will decide any questions relating to the interpretation and scope of this program, or final determination of the eligibility of a Lodge, institution, or donation. Such decisions will be final. This program may be amended, suspended, or terminated at any time.

Lodge may obtain additional forms from the Office of the Grand Treasurer.

Mail applications to:
Lodge Matching Donations Program
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