

End-of-Year Giving Dates and Deadlines | 2025

The end of the year is a crucial time for nonprofits, with the majority of funding pouring in to drive their missions forward. This seasonal boost helps sustain the life-changing programs that support communities in need. For donors, making sure your contribution is received before the year wraps up could mean maximizing its impact—and help ensure you benefit from tax-deductible giving.

The guide below offers guidance and timing to process donations appropriately before the end of 2025.



TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

Donating physical items should be done in person when possible. The date in which the item is delivered to charity is the date of donation. However we recommend donating these items by early December to account for any possible appraisals.

Delivered by December 31, 2025



STOCK TRANSFER

Stock Transfers are complete on the date in which the transfer to the charity's name is finalized. We recommend initiating these transactions significantly in advance, at least 1 to 2 weeks prior, to allow for processing time.

Received by December 31, 2025



CHECK

Checks can either be placed in the mail or handed to a representative of the organization. If delivered in person, we recommend checking appropriate office hours given the holidays.

Sent via mail with postmark by December 31, 2025 or in-hand to the organization before December 31, 2025



WIRE TRANSFER OR CASH

Contributions via wire transfer or cash are received on the date they are officially acknowledged by the receiving organization.

Received by December 31, 2025



CREDIT CARD

Credit Card donations are considered complete on the date the charges are processed.

Received by December 31, 2025

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

DONOR ADVISED FUND

While deadlines for contributions from a Donor Advised Fund are not applicable for tax purposes, the general dates and guidelines above can be followed to help ensure donations are made before the end of the calendar year, meeting any potential non-tax-related requirements or objectives.

Interested in making a contribution before the end of the year?

Should you have any questions or are looking for guidance on donations, Foundation X is happy to assist.

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