

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What is a Federation?

A. A federation is a group of voluntary charitable human health and welfare organizations established for purposes of supplying common fundraising, administrative, and management services to its members. Each federation is listed with its member organizations as the first organization. If you wish to designate all or some portion of your contribution to a federation, please record that federation's corresponding code number on your pledge card. Contributions designated to a federation will be shared in accordance with the federation's policy. If you wish to designate all or some portion of your contribution to a federation member organization, please record that organization's corresponding code number on your pledge card.

Q. What is an Unaffiliated Organization?

A. A local charitable organization that meets all of the OPM requirements in 5 CFR 950 for local eligibility and is not a member of a federation.

Q. How do organizations become part of the CFC?

A. All charitable organizations with IRS non-profit certification may apply to the CFC. Each organization must meet standards established by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

Federal volunteers review the lists of national and international organizations, and a team of volunteers representing the Local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC) reviews applications of local federations and organizations. Federations and their member organizations are considered as a group in the application and review process; unaffiliated organizations are considered individually.

Q. How do some organizations appear to be listed twice?

A. As you look through the index and organization descriptions within this guide, you may notice that national, statewide and local offices of some organizations are listed. These are **separate branches**; OPM regulations do not allow dual listings. Note that the national and local offices have different donor codes. *Contributions made to a national office or an organization may or may not be directed back to our local community.*

Q. Where can I get more information?

A. Begin by asking your keyworker or campaign coordinator. If your question concerns a specific organization, telephone that organization at the number given in the individual organization listing or in the list of federation phone numbers. For answers to any other questions, call the CFC PCFO Headquarters at (406) 252-3839, ext. 14.

Q. Who decides where my contribution goes?

A. You make that determination. When you designate an organization on your pledge card, you direct your dollars to the programs you most want to support.

Within this booklet, find the organization or federations you wish to support. Enter the four-digit code for each organization on your pledge card. Be sure to write the amount you are pledging to each organization in the corresponding block. The organization's code must be listed in this book for your designation to be valid.

Q. What if I choose not to single out a specific organization/federation?

A. There are two options for donors who prefer not to designate their charitable gifts to specific organizations.

III (International): To request that your gift be shared by all international organizations listed in the International Organization Listing; your contribution will be distributed in the same proportion that international organizations received designations.

Undesignated funds: If you choose **NOT** to designate your gift to a specific organization or federation, your contribution will be distributed to all organizations in the CFC brochure in the same proportion that was contributed in designations.