



Donations Policy

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Overview

Aussies Abroad is an Abu Dhabi community based member organisation dedicated to the promotion of Australian culture in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). It aims to provide its members (Australian expats and non-Australian expats) and friends with social and recreational opportunities to forge and strengthen bonds within the community and to enhance interaction within the culturally diversified UAE community.

The group's core values are Sharing, Caring and Cultural Understanding. One way it achieves this is by *'...providing charity through community involvement and cooperation - including the co-operation with other groups, inside and outside Abu Dhabi.'*

Aussies Abroad Abu Dhabi (AA) supports worthwhile charitable causes throughout the year. This policy assists the committee to manage any requests for donations made by individuals/groups/organisations throughout the year.

Purpose

The Donations Policy

- Ensures that all donations agreed to by AA are aligned with its core values and within the budget and resource constraints of the organization;
- Clarifies the factors that influence the AA committee's donation decisions; and
- Outlines reasons for donation request denial.

Guideline

- A. Any financial member of AA is eligible to nominate an organisation/ group/ individual whom they believe is worthy of receiving donations.
- B. All requests for donations are coordinated and administered by the AA committee. The committee is responsible for reviewing requests for donations and making its recommendation for a decision.
- C. AA shall select one charitable organisation/ group/ individual per year as its preferred Charity (e.g. Medicines Sans Frontier).
For this selected organisation, one donation per calendar year can be made around August / September (after Australian Ball event). The financial amount will be dependent on the budget at that time (maximum AED40,000).
- D. AA can provide support to other organisations/ groups/ individuals if requested.
The committee reviews requests on a case-by-case basis.
The committee shall agree on the financial amount dependent upon the available budget at the time of the request.
- E. One off events can support a specific Charity. The same eligibility requirements as those set for organisations/ groups/ individuals will apply.



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Eligibility criteria

In order for the AA Committee to consider an organization/ group/ individual for charity, it must comply with the following guidelines:

- 1.0 Australian and/or United Arab Emirate based non-profit organisations/ groups/ individuals will be considered first above other countries and its causes.
- 2.0 All contributions will promote the organization's goals, create positive visibility, and demonstrate social responsibility.
- 3.0 The major focus of the contributions will be towards the selected charity (see Guideline: C)
- 4.0 Aussies Abroad Abu Dhabi will not consider the following:
 - a) Supporting organisations that discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability with respect to employment, volunteer participation, or the provision of services.
 - b) Requests from religious organisations for sectarian purposes. However a community program sponsored by a religious organization may be considered (e.g., Red Crescent).
 - c) Requests from all local, regional, and/or school-based sports teams.
 - d) Requests from individuals purely seeking monetary benefit.
 - e) Requests that solicit financial support for individuals, political candidates, and political campaigns, or entities that are not non-profit organisations.
- 5.0 AA will not contribute to organisations conducting fundraising (third party giving) on behalf of non-profit agencies. Only the qualifying non-profit agency will be eligible to receive any donation.