



## Give Where We Live FAQs

### **What is the Foundation for Louisiana's Community and Technical Colleges?**

The Foundation for Louisiana's Community and Technical Colleges is a separate, 501c3 organization that leads and inspires private support for Louisiana's community and technical colleges. The Foundation has three main areas of focus:

- (1) **Access** means ensuring that all Louisianans can attend our institutions without perceiving cost as a barrier. The Foundation aggregates statewide scholarship dollars and spreads them evenly to our colleges, for them to award directly to needy and deserving students.
- (2) **Opportunity** is our commitment to the undereducated and underemployed in Louisiana. Through grants to programs like WorkReady U, we want to guarantee every citizen of our state the opportunity to create a better, more prosperous future for their families.
- (3) **Success** for students, success for faculty, success for Louisiana. The Foundation supports LCTCS faculty and staff and arms them with the tools they need in the classroom and in their own personal and professional lives.

### **What is the Employee Giving Campaign?**

The Employee giving campaign "**Give Where We Live**" is an outreach effort by a group of employee volunteers, combined with the Foundation staff, to encourage everyone on the LCTCS team to make charitable contributions in support of the programs and services provided by our system office. As employees, we all play a key role in the daily lives of our colleges and our students. Because the Foundation for LCTCS is a not-for-profit, we seek and accept donations from corporations, foundations, community members, in addition to employees in support of our mission.

### **Why are donations from employees important?**

When our employees give, it sends a meaningful message to the greater community. This is especially important when seeking financial contributions from other sources like corporations and foundations. To tell them that a large number of our employees personally invest where they live and work proves our strength in this community.

### **Where does my money go?**

Through the "Give Where We Live" campaign, the Foundation will provide funds to our colleges to be used strictly for scholarships awarded to deserving students.

### **How does the internal "Give Where We Live" campaign fit into the Foundation's overall mission?**

As the Foundation begins to progress it is important that we support its efforts. The leadership of those stakeholders who are most closely affiliated with the vision of the organization sets the pace for external efforts and demonstrates our commitment to community partners.

**May I designate my gift for a particular purpose?**

Making a contribution is a personal decision and any amount is welcome and appreciated. Your contribution may be designated toward the LCTCS Board Office Scholarship Program, which will directly support worthy students demonstrating financial need.

**Why invest in the Foundation?**

The Foundation invests in people, programs and organizations that transform lives and communities. Your contributions will help to make these investments more sustainable and facilitate meaningful change in our community.

**How do I make a contribution to the Foundation and is it tax-deductible?**

A member of the campaign leadership team will be available to meet with you to assist with any questions in making a contribution. Pledge cards are available from any member of the team. Any financial contribution you make is fully tax-deductible by law under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)3. You may contribute cash; write a check; use payroll deduction; or pay with your credit card or PayPal.

**When will payroll deductions begin?**

Your deduction will typically begin within two or three weeks of when we receive your completed form.

**If I sign up for payroll deductions, do I need to renew each year?**

You do not need to renew each year, as your deduction will continue until you notify us in writing three weeks prior to the upcoming pay period. You can, however, make a change to your donation level at any time. Your change will be made in two to three weeks.

**What if I already give through payroll deduction and want to make a change?**

Make a note of your change on your new pledge form and send it to the Foundation. Please write on the form that you are making a change to an existing payroll deduction.

**Yes, I'd like to make a difference and contribute!**

**Thank You!** For payroll deduction or credit card, **scan this form to** [tarieroberson@lctcs.edu](mailto:tarieroberson@lctcs.edu), or you may send it through interoffice mail to the Foundation. To make a donation by check, write your check out to "The LCTCS Foundation" and send to the Foundation.

**I would like to make a donation, but have additional questions...**

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