Idaho State University Foundation

Policy VI B Donor Relations

The Donor Bill of Rights was created by the Giving Institute: Leading Consultants to Non-Profits [formerly known as the American Association of Fund Raising Counsel (AAFRC)], Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP), the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). It has been endorsed by numerous other nonprofit associations, and many charities incorporate it into their operating policies and procedures. The Idaho State University Foundation’s Board of Directors has adopted the Bill of Rights as its policy.

THE DONOR BILL OF RIGHTS

Philanthropy is based on voluntary action for the common good. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life. To ensure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the nonprofit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

1. To be informed of the organization’s mission, of the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes

2. To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization’s governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities

3. To have access to the organization’s most recent financial statements

4. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given

5. To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition

6. To be assured that information about their donation is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law

7. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature

8. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization, or hired solicitors
9. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share

10. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers

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Person responsible for the periodic review of policy and submitting proposed revisions to the Board for approval: Board Executive Vice-President

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