



PHILANTHROPIC GUIDELINES & APPLICATION FOR CHARITABLE GIVING

Our Mission

It is the goal of Orange County Women Lawyers Association to make charitable gifts to non-profits in the spirit of assisting the advancement of the status of women and children in law and society in matters including, but not limited to:

1. Legal services, education, awareness, and prevention services regarding domestic violence, and human trafficking.
2. Gender discrimination, harassment, or bias against women.
3. Access to services that support and improve the rights and lives of women.



Become Part of Our Tradition of Charitable Giving

Learn more about our charitable contributions in 2022, with proceeds raised in 2021 [HERE](#).



Spotlight For Your Cause At An OCWLA Event

Most grants include a presentation to OCWLA supporters at an event, offering exposure to your organization.

Philanthropic Giving Policy

Application Policy

Once a year, the OCWLA Philanthropy Committee shall review all submitted applications for OCWLA's philanthropic giving. All submissions must be received by February 28. After the submissions are received, each applicant will be assigned to an OCWLA Philanthropy Committee board member who will learn about the applicant organization. Philanthropic gifts may range up to \$5,000 per organization in a one year period. Maximum gift amounts may be modified by the board. Grants will be awarded during the first quarter of the calendar year.

Conflict of Interest

Any OCWLA board member who is affiliated with an organization that submits an application for a philanthropic gift, either as a member, board member, or officer of the submitting organization, shall refrain from voting on OCWLA's gift to that organization.

Considerations

In deciding which organizations should receive philanthropic gifts, OCWLA's board should consider the following:

1. Whether the gift will facilitate volunteerism and community service by OCWLA members.
2. Whether the gift will bring positive public attention to OCWLA.
3. Whether the gift will meet OCWLA's philanthropic giving policy.
4. Whether the goals and objectives of an organization are consistent with OCWLA's philanthropic giving application mission.
5. Whether the Organization is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization.

Limitations

OCWLA shall observe the following limitations, and should not make philanthropic gifts to the following organizations:

1. Organizations having a religious, political, or lobbying purpose, unless these activities are incidental to the primary organizational mission.
2. Organizations whose primary function is to allocate funds to other charitable organizations or projects.
3. Projects that will take place outside of Orange County.
4. Organizations without 501(c)(3) status.



Philanthropic Giving Application

1. All applicants must complete the philanthropic giving application form.
2. Applications must be scanned and submitted electronically only to info@ocwla.org.
3. Applicants must provide the following information:
 - a. Organizational information, such as mission statement and location
 - b. How the philanthropic gift will be used
 - c. Amount of the philanthropic gift requested
 - d. Organization's 501(c)(3) status
 - e. Financial statements for last two years
 - f. Current year operating budget
 - g. List of board members
 - h. List of staff of the organization
 - i. Copy of organization's current bylaws

Contact Person:

Email:

Address:

City, State:

Additional Contact Person (Optional):

Signature:

Non-Profit Information:

☐ 501(c)(3)

☐ Other (please specify):

Notes:

Organization:

Phone:

Address 2:

Zip Code:

Additional Contact Person (Optional):

Date:

Amount Requested:

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As a recognized charitable organization in the Orange County legal community, OCWLA provides MCLE programs, bar stipends, charitable giving, and networking opportunities, providing our members access to resources that will empower, support and develop their career.

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