

Charitable Contribution Substantiation Information Required

Amount	Documentation	Substantiation
Cash donations of less than \$250	Bank record	Includes canceled check, bank, credit union, or credit card statement showing name and transaction posting date (credit card)
	Written communication from charity	Name of charity, date, and amount of contribution
	Payroll deduction	Pledge card and pay stub, W-2 wage statement, or other document furnished by employer, including total amount withheld for charity
Cash donations of \$250 or more	Written acknowledgment from the charity for each donation	Name of charity, date, amount paid, description, and estimate of value of goods or services provided by the charity
Noncash contributions of less than \$250	Receipt from donee or reliable records	
Property donations greater than \$250 and not more than \$500	Contemporaneous written acknowledgment	Name of charity, date, amount paid, and description (but not value) of goods or services provided by the charity
Property donations greater than \$500 and not more than \$5,000	Written acknowledgement	All of the above, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How you got the property; • Date you got the property; and • Cost or other basis Must file Form 8283 (Section A)
Donations of \$5,000 or more excluding stock, certain works of art, and	Qualified appraisal	Attach appraisal to return and complete page 2 of Form 8283

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Donations of art valued at \$20,000 or more	Signed appraisal and photograph	Attach signed appraisal to return and provide photograph of sufficient quality and size to fully show object if requested by the IRS
Stock of publicly traded corporation	No appraisal required if as of date of the contribution, market quotations are readily available on an established securities market	Contemporaneous written acknowledgement from donee organization. Attach Form 8283 to return
Nonpublicly traded stock	Contributions greater than \$5,000 and less than or equal to \$10,000	Contemporaneous written acknowledgement from donee organization: A partially completed appraisal summary; complete Form 8283, Part I
	Contributions greater than \$10,000	Attach qualified appraisal to return
Vehicle, boat, and airplane with value of more than \$500	Value is the lesser of the gross sales proceeds or the FMV of the vehicle if no "significant use or material improvement"	Taxpayer needs contemporaneous written acknowledgement from donee organization; donee organization must use Form 1098-C to report value of vehicle donations if vehicle is sold; this can be used to provide acknowledgement to the donor

These rules apply to individuals making qualified contributions to IRC §501(c)(3) organizations. Additional rules apply when gifting a partial or restricted interest, gifts via trusts, and gifts with remainder interest. Where an appraisal is required to be submitted with a return, it is also required to be submitted with the return for any carryover years.