



NJECC Common Q&A's

What is the NJECC?

In 1985, the NJ State Legislature enacted a Law providing NJ State and Local Municipal employees the opportunity to contribute to a multitude of charities through payroll deduction. The NJECC is the only fundraising campaign authorized to solicit charitable contributions in the state/local municipal employee workplace.

Why should I donate through the NJECC?

The NJECC is a direct way to help those in need sustain local, national, and international health, educational, environmental and social service organizations, and make a meaningful contribution to your community. Giving through the NJECC is cost efficient, 15% of the total dollars received are used to cover the administrative cost of the campaign. This includes the 10% cap as mandated by the NJ State Treasury Department and an additional 5% as determined by the charities that participate in the campaign.

Why is giving through payroll deduction better than sending a check directly to the charity?

Payroll deduction contributions are incredibly beneficial. Regularly contributed funding, even in small amounts, provides the charity with consistent streams of revenue. You can give small amounts with each paycheck and your donations are deducted automatically from each paycheck. It's easy, efficient, and affordable.

Who can I donate to through the NJECC?

You have the option to donate to more than 675 charities that impact communities on a local, state, national or international level. With so many choices, you can donate to a cause that's important to you.

When can I donate through the NJECC?

The campaign runs from September to December.

Who can contribute?

State and local public employees and retirees are eligible to participate. If you are not eligible for payroll deduction you may give by credit card or check.

Are my contributions tax-deductible?

Yes, Keep a copy of your pledge form or print your ePledge confirmation email.

Is the codebook available electronically?

Yes! Employees can access a copy from both our campaign donation portal at www.charities.org/NJECC or from our Campaign Resource Center page at <http://njecc.net>.

Do I need to fill out another pledge form for this year's pledge if I have given in the past?

Yes. A new form or online pledge must be completed every year unless you elected the sustained donor option online last year.

Questions? Contact your Coordinator or
Campaign Manager Susan O'Brien at (609) 477-8306 or sobrien@njecc.net



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If a donor elects the sustained donor option, before the next campaign, they will receive an email notification with a summary of their pledge, asking them to confirm if they would like to keep their pledge going for another campaign year. If they choose to continue their pledge, they won't have to log in and pledge next year unless they want to make changes to their pledge amount and/or charity designations. By opting-in to have their pledge continue each year, their recurring payroll deduction gifts will keep taking place automatically.

What is the URL for the online giving platform?

www.charities.org/NJECC

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The state regulation is that a contribution must be a minimum of \$52 to be designated. If this requirement is not met for each specified charity, the contribution will be considered undesignated. This state code is printed on the pledge card as well as the home page of the online platform. The online platform cannot automatically "screen" for this requirement, so it is *possible* for an employee to submit a designated pledge less than \$52, just as they can on a hard pledge card. As the coordinator, all you can do is educate and remind your employees of this regulation.

Is there a maximum number of charities that can be designated online?

Assuming each designation meets the regulation of at least \$52, there is no maximum number of charities that the online platform will accept. If an employee is filling out a hard pledge card and wishes to designate to more than the allotted 4 organizations, they may attach a supplemental sheet to the pledge form.

Where can employees find their employee ID number, if they do not know it?

For those employees under Centralized Payroll, you can access it on your pay stub via the My NJ Portal: <http://www.nj.gov>

For those departments with independent Payrolls, employees should check with the ECC Coordinator.

Can an employee make more than one pledge online?

Yes. You can make as many pledges as you would like during the campaign enrollment period, and our pledge site www.charities.org/NJECC makes it easy to pledge support to multiple charities all at once. You may also modify an existing pledge any time during the campaign enrollment period by logging into the pledge site, clicking "Make your pledge," and selecting the "Modify a gift from this campaign" option. That option will allow you to edit your pledge amount or designated charity. By choosing to modify a gift, you will open your existing pledge for edit. You will need to complete all steps of the pledge process to return the gift to a completed status; otherwise, the gift will not be processed.

What happens to my contribution if I don't designate a specific charity?

The NJECC's rules specify that all undesignated gifts be proportionately distributed to those charities receiving designations. For example, if Charity A receives 5% of designated pledges, then Charity A will also receive 5% of undesignated pledges.

What is the duration of my payroll deduction and when does it begin?

Deductions begin with the first pay period in January 2025 and continue through December 2025. For the business units on the NJ State Centralized Payroll, deductions will begin with the third pay period in January 2025 and continue through December 2025.

How are charities approved for the NJECC Brochure?

Charities listed in the NJECC Brochure must apply for admission annually and meet the campaign's eligibility criteria governed by the NJ State Statute/Regulations.

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