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List of Contributor Choice Agencies

What is a Contributor Choice Agency? United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania contributor choice agencies are nonprofits that are eligible to receive designated donations during a United Way campaign. This list is published online and is sorted by state, city and organization name and includes the designation code number for each organization. The Contributor Choice list is made available to all who assist with the campaign and on our website.

What are the criteria for an organization to be eligible and included in the list?

United Way donors, within the United Way geographic footprint, may designate their contributions to health or human service agencies or agencies that provide human services. These agencies and programs must comply with all federal, state, county and local requirements and laws pertaining to nonprofits. They must also meet the requirements of Pennsylvania's Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act and must comply with the USA Patriot Act and all other counterterrorism laws and be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

NOTE: Arts, cultural, religious, recreational and political programs, and government agencies and institutions that provide formal education are not eligible for designations. United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania contracts with a third-party vendor to validate agencies against the IRS Publication 78, the terrorist watch list and 990 revocation list.

Designation minimum - Any gift under \$25 will automatically be directed to benefit United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, except for a payroll gift with a \$1-per-pay deduction over 24 pay periods or more.

We use the Candid (formerly known as GuideStar) database to vet agencies and determine their eligibility for the Contributor Choice program. If an agency is determined to be ineligible, that agency will be notified. Donors that designate an ineligible agency will be asked to choose an eligible agency from the Contributor Choice list. If a donor does not respond within 20 calendar days with a new designation, the contribution will benefit United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Agencies may apply online to be named Contributor Choice agencies. The application is open from May to June each year. United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania calls, emails and mails all agencies that were eligible in the prior-year campaign to remind them to renew by completing this online application.

<https://forms.office.com/r/NCHzTf5maj>

What happens if a donor selects a nonprofit organization that is not included in this list?

If a donor chooses an agency not listed as a Contributor Choice agency — either because the agency did not respond to follow-ups or does not meet the above criteria — United Way will send a letter to the donor and ask them to choose an eligible agency.

Are Contributor Choice code numbers online?

Yes. Contributor Choice code numbers are listed on United Way's website

<https://unitedwayswpa.org/contributor-choice/>.

Who do I contact if I need help finding a code number?

Email agencyrelations@unitedwayswpa.org or call (412) 456-6824 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. EST for assistance.

Can I use my local United Way's code numbers?

If you are giving through United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, you must use our agency code numbers to ensure that the correct agency receives your gift.