



# Charity Can Be Tax Deductible

Did you know that you can claim a charitable gift as a tax write-off? You can claim donations that include giving used clothes or contributing money to a nonprofit organization that has a 501(c)(3) designation. Just follow a few simple rules.

**When donating money or property, be sure to:**

- Itemize (make a list) of your deductions. Check the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) website for the correct form to fill out and include in your tax returns.
- Get help from a tax advisor or search online. If you're unsure about your charitable deductions, get advice from a professional or search for tips from a trusted website.
- Verify the organization's status. Check the IRS website to verify if the organization you intend to donate to is tax-exempt.
- Itemize deductions for volunteering. While you can't deduct for your time or service, you can deduct for related expenses, such as travel costs to drop off donations or to attend volunteer opportunities. Just make sure to save the receipts.
- Request a receipt: Any time you donate something worth \$250 or more to a single charity, make sure to get a receipt that shows the amount of cash or a description of the property.