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2027-2028 STATE CHARITY APPLICATION

For over fifty years, the NJASC State Charity program has inspired the student leaders of New Jersey to raise funds and awareness for a variety of causes of particular interest.

What is NJASC looking for in a potential State Charity?

- A NEW JERSEY based non-profit charitable organization; all applicants must submit proof of their current 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service.
- An organization that supports a charitable cause that will clearly connect with and be supported by the student leaders and faculty advisors of New Jersey.
- An organization for which a potential donation of approximately $50,000 to $100,000 would make a SIGNIFICANT difference in its charitable efforts, but which is also ESTABLISHED enough so that it can adequately handle the business aspects of such a potential donation.
- An organization that agrees to keep all funds donated by NJASC through our State Charity program in NEW JERSEY or use them in support of a program based in a neighboring state (Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York) that would specifically benefit residents of NEW JERSEY.
- An organization that is eager to promote itself at NJASC conferences as well as to work with the students and advisors of member schools who may want to bring the charity in to speak.

The selection process will be as follows:

- Interested charities may complete and submit applications by **February 28, 2027.** This application will be posted online at **https://njasc.org/charity/** and may also be directly shared with potential applicant charitable organizations by any State Officer or one of the Executive Directors.
- The 2027 Executive Member in charge of State Charity will review all applications and prepare a report to all State Officers for their March 2027 Executive meeting. At this meeting, the State Officers will decide on three or four finalists.
- Each finalist will be invited to make a 20-minute presentation at the April 2027 Executive meeting (date & location TBD), with a 10-minute question & answer period to follow. After all presentations are over, the State Officers will meet in closed session to deliberate and select the next State Charity.
- The newly selected State Charity will be notified by the Executive Member in charge of State Charity; the announcement to the student leaders of our state will be made at the Spring Awards Program on **June 2, 2027** at Six Flags Great Adventure.

The attached application must be completed and submitted with all accompanying materials to Executive Director Lou Miller by February 28, 2027

2026 NJASC STATE OFFICERS
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2027-2028 STATE CHARITY APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION

Please complete ALL of the following and submit ALL accompanying materials to Executive Director Lou Miller by ***February 28, 2027***

PART ONE – GENERAL INFORMATION:

YOUR ORGANIZATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ , NJ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

WEBSITE: _____

CONTACT PERSON

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FEDERAL TAX ID (FEIN): ____ ____ – ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____

***PLEASE ATTACH PROOF OF CURRENT 501(c)(3) STATUS FROM THE IRS**

2027 OPERATING BUDGET: $ ____ ____ , ____ ____ ____ , ____ ____ ____

***PLEASE ATTACH YOUR 2025 OR 2026 BUDGET DOCUMENT**

PERCENTAGE OF 2026 OR 2027 BUDGET FOR ADMINISTRATIVE/OPERATING EXPENSES: ____ ____ . ____ %

DID YOUR ORGANIZATION RECEIVE STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDING IN 2025? _____

IF SO, PLEASE INDICATE THE AMOUNT: $ ____ ____ , ____ ____ ____ , ____ ____ ____

PART TWO – RATIONALE:

Please attach a ***SINGLE PAGE DOCUMENT*** *that answers each of the following questions:*

1. What is the mission of your charitable organization, and why would it inspire the student leaders of New Jersey to become actively involved and raise funds?
2. If selected, how would funds donated by NJASC be spent? Please be as specific as possible and include the anticipated percentage lost to administrative and operating expenses.
3. Why do you believe that your charitable organization would partner well with NJASC and its member schools?

You may also send a brochure or other promotional materials, but your answers to the three questions above MUST be on a SINGLE PAGE.

PART THREE – CONDITIONS:

If selected as the next State Charity, your charitable organization will need to agree and abide by ALL of the following conditions.

1. Your charitable organization MUST maintain its 501(c)(3) non-profit status with the Internal Revenue Service from the time of application through December 31, 2028. If for any reason your non-profit status is revoked by the Internal Revenue Service a representative from your charitable organization will immediately contact NJASC, which will reserve the right to continue or terminate this partnership.
2. Representatives of your charitable organization would be expected to attend the following NJASC Conferences, which are currently planned to be in-person (subject to change):
    - **Spring Awards Program** at Six Flags Great Adventure – June 2, 2027. To be announced as the new State Charity and meeting with students and advisors for two informal workshops afterward.
    - **Fall Conference** at The College of New Jersey – October 19, 2027. To meet informally with students and advisors during conference registration and then conduct a forty-minute General Session presentation to students.
    - **Winter Convention** at The College of New Jersey – January 2028 (date TBD). To have a vendor table, meet informally with students and advisors during conference registration, and present three forty-minute workshops to students.
    - **Spring Awards Program** at Six Flags Great Adventure – May/June 2028 (date TBD). To be presented with what the anticipated overall donation amount will be (see #3 below) and briefly thank all in attendance for their support over the past year.
3. Representatives of your charitable organization would be expected to be accessible to student leaders and advisors, readily available to visit their schools in support of activities to raise awareness and funds for the State Charity. Arrangements for such visits can be made directly with the student leaders and advisors or their schools; NJASC does not need to be notified.
4. All State Charity donations will be paid directly to NJASC, and a single block donation on behalf of the student leaders of New Jersey would then be paid by NJASC to your charitable organization; half of this donation paid in September 2028, and the remaining half paid in November 2028. *Any donations made from our member schools directly to your charitable organization and not through NJASC will absolutely NOT be considered as part of our State Charity program and will NOT be eligible for recognition or awards provided by NJASC*. We therefore request that such donations be returned to the school with instructions to resubmit the donation, by check payable to NJASC.
5. Any funds donated by NJASC to your charitable organization will be expected to remain in NEW JERSEY or be used in support of a program based in a neighboring state (Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York) that will specifically benefit residents of NEW JERSEY.

In signing below and in submission of this application, I agree to ALL of the above conditions stated above and acknowledge that I am authorized to make such an agreement on behalf of the charitable organization for whom this application is being submitted.

Name of Charitable Organization: _____

Your Name (print): _____ Position: _____

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____