

# **Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Lodge Matching Donation**

## **Purpose**

The Lodge Matching Donation Program was established to assist Lodges in their voluntary support of eligible non-profit organizations. Through the program, qualified donations will be matched by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

## **Eligible Institutions**

All institutions must be located within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. They must be non-profit and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as institutions to which contributions are deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

## **Masonic**

All Masonic charities including DeMolay and Rainbow are eligible.

## **Community Service**

Community service organizations eligible include primary and secondary schools, police or fire departments, etc. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League and other service organizations.

Not eligible are regional or national organizations that collect and distribute funds to qualified organizations.

## **Cultural Institutions**

Cultural institutions eligible to receive matching donations include performing arts organizations (music, dance, theater); museums and art centers; science centers (planetariums, zoos, arboreta, etc); historical organizations; libraries; and public radio and television stations.

## **Hospital**

Hospitals eligible to receive matching donations are privately endowed institutions, accredited by state license and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals as listed in the AHA Guide to the Health Care Field.

## **Social Service**

Grand Lodge will match donations to qualified social services organizations. Organizations will be required to demonstrate qualified status as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

## **Eligible Contributions**

The Grand Lodge will match Lodge donations subject to the following limitations for any one calendar year:

\$100 Minimum Donation

\$1,000 Annual Lodge Maximum

To qualify for the program, donations must be:

paid from lodge funds with the necessary approval by the members of the Lodge

paid, not merely pledged

made in the form of a check, money order, or securities with a quoted market value.  
(Securities will be valued at the average of the high and low market prices on the date the gift is made.)

## **How the Program Operates**

The Lodge completes Application for Lodge Matching Donation and sends the form to the Grand Treasurer. The Grand Treasurer verifies the eligibility of the lodge, the gift, and the institution. A matching check is then mailed to the Lodge Secretary within 30 days of receipt of the application.

Any questions relating to the interpretation and scope of this program or final determination of the eligibility of a lodge, institution, or donation will be decided by the Grand Lodge. Such decisions will be final. This program may be suspended or terminated at any time.

Lodges may obtain additional forms from Office of the Grand Treasurer. Applications should be mailed to:

Lodge Matching Donation Program  
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts  
186 Tremont Street  
Boston, MA 02111

**Grand Lodge of Massachusetts  
Lodge Matching Donations Application**

Lodge making donation \_\_\_\_\_

Name of eligible institution \_\_\_\_\_

Type of institution:  Masonic  Community Service  Cultural Hospital  Social Service

Address

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Amount and Form of donation

A) Check or money order \$ \_\_\_\_\_

B) Securities:

Average high/low marker price \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date of transfer \_\_\_\_\_

Number of shares \_\_\_\_\_

Description \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification**

I certify that the above described donation was made after due consideration by

\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge as required by it's By-Laws.

\_\_\_\_\_ Master

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**For Grand Lodge use only**

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Check number \_\_\_\_\_

Date check mailed \_\_\_\_\_