

SIMSA Donation Policy

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SIMSA is a non-profit corporation. As such donations are rare and must adhere to the following guidelines:

A SIMSA donation must:

1. Fit within the annual approved budget set by the SIMSA Board
2. Align with our members' clients' priorities; as an example, align with a potash or oil company's priorities
3. When possible, be made in conjunction with a member's client
4. Must avoid any perceived conflict of interest; as such, a donation must not be made to a group sharing one of SIMSA's current Board members as a director/Board-person, without the unanimous consent of the entire SIMSA Board.
5. Ensure that the recipient uses the donated funds responsibly.

A SIMSA donation should:

1. Potentially create value for SIMSA as an Association, via the following:
 - a. Adhering to our Core Values;
 - i. Encourage investment in Saskatchewan suppliers
 - ii. Support philosophy of "best value" over "best price"
 - iii. Honest and collaborative in all our actions
 - iv. Build strong bonds with Government.
 - v. Wisdom in our decisions, through knowledge of our membership capabilities
 - vi. Create value and opportunities for members
 - b. Adhering to our Vision;
 - i. To become an integral part of the Business Development strategy, for all Saskatchewan industrial, mining, and energy suppliers.
 - c. Adhering to our Mission to;
 - i. represent suppliers throughout the province of Saskatchewan to our target market;
 - ii. help our members sell more products and services, while providing outstanding ROI in both time and money;
 - iii. be recognized in Saskatchewan as a collaborative and trusted partner to our target market.

- d. Strengthening our Competitive Advantage as;
 - i. the only Association specifically representing the Saskatchewan-based supply chain regarding procurement, advocacy and education to the industrial, mining, and energy sectors.

Process:

1. When approached, an application/proposal needs to contain each of the following items:
 - a. A brief statement of the organization's history, goals and accomplishments to date
 - b. An outline of the project for which they are requesting funding
 - c. A project budget showing anticipated expenses and incomes
 - d. List of other committed or approached donors, including government sources
 - e. List of the Board of Directors and Campaign Cabinet members if applicable
2. SIMSA evaluates funding applications based on (in addition to the above):
 - a. The organization's ability to provide direct-impact programming to the end-user
 - b. Whether the organization provides unique services to underserved communities
 - c. Whether the organization has a clear evaluation process with planned outcomes that support its mission
 - d. Whether the organizations can demonstrate willingness to work with other charities to achieve greater sustainability and shared knowledge
3. A hiatus of two to five years will follow a multi-year pledge to any one organization or institution to allow SIMSA to divide its support amongst other organizations, which are equally deserving.
4. Donations will be individually listed as a line-item within SIMSA's annual financial report
5. Donations will be acknowledged via a news posting on SIMSA's website

Exclusions:

1. SIMSA does not typically fund the following areas or types of projects:
 - a. projects or programs outside of Canada
 - b. organizations or lobby/advocacy/partisan groups that promote a particular social, political or economic ideology
 - c. political parties/organization
 - d. amateur or elite sports teams or events
 - e. individuals (e.g., sponsoring an athlete, artist, student)
 - f. private foundations
 - g. private clubs
 - h. professional and technical associations