



Donor Bill of Right

Philanthropy is based on voluntary action for the common good. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life. To ensure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the nonprofit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

1. To be informed of Southeastern Council on Military Education's mission, of the way we intend to use donated resources, and of our capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
2. To be informed of the identity of those serving on our Board of Directors, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgement in its stewardship responsibilities.
3. To have access to SECOME's most recent financial statements.
4. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
5. To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.
6. To be assured that information about their donation is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
7. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of the interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
8. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers.

The text of this statement was developed by the American Association of Fund-Raising Council (AAFRC), Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP), Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), and adopted in January 2016.

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