

**CHAPTER 8: Business Operations  
BOARD POLICY NO. 8.38 (BP 3820)**

**BOARD POLICY  
San Mateo County Community College District**

**Subject:** BP 8.38 Gifts and Donations  
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1. A gift or donation is defined as a contribution of money, securities, real or other property, goods, or, in some cases, services to the District/Colleges or any organization officially sponsored by the District/Colleges (e.g., student club) in exchange for which no return is given. Such a donation may not be designated to benefit a specific person; donors will only be allowed to establish broad criteria over the disposition of a donation and all IRS requirements shall be observed.
2. The Board of Trustees shall consider all gifts, donations and bequests with a value of \$1,000 or more made to the District. The Board reserves the right to refuse to accept any gift which does not contribute toward the goals of the District, or the ownership of which would have the potential to deplete resources of the District.
3. The District shall assume no responsibility for appraising the value of gifts made to the District. Acceptance of a gift shall not be considered endorsement by the District of a product, enterprise or entity.
4. The Board shall not knowingly accept a gift or donation from a donor who engages in practices or policies which discriminate against any person on the basis of federal or state protected classes including, but not limited to: race; color; national origin, ancestry or citizenship status; religion or creed; age; marital status; sex and gender (including sexual orientation and identity; gender identity and gender expression); physical or mental disability; genetic information; medical condition; political activities or affiliations; military or veteran status; status as a victim of domestic violence, assault or stalking; or because one is perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics or associates with a person or group with one or more of these characteristics.
5. For gifts and donations which have a value of \$1,000 or more, the College or District Chief Executive Officer shall accept or decline the contribution on behalf of the Board and report all such contributions in summary form to the Board ~~semi-annually~~ as they are received, with the date of receipt of the contribution shown. The Major Gifts Officer at KCSM may accept or decline gifts for KCSM on behalf of the District.
  - a. Gifts with a value of less than \$1,000 will be accepted or declined by the receiving unit's manager.
  - b. The value of a contribution will be reported on the aggregate value of all items contributed at one time by a single donor and not the individual value of each item separately.
6. Only those gifts and donations which are deemed by the receiving unit's manager to be useful to the educational program, to support services, or for fund-raising will be accepted. All gifts and donations shall be used for the purpose specified by the donors. Unrestricted gifts or donations shall be used in accordance with District/College plans.

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7. For contributions valued at \$1,000 or more, the appropriate College or District Chief Executive Officer shall provide the donor with an official acknowledgment of the contribution. The receiving unit's manager will provide appropriate acknowledgment for contributions with a value of less than \$1,000. Except for the case of a monetary contribution, it is the responsibility of the donor to provide an estimate of the value of the contribution.
8. Employees are encouraged to refer prospective donors to the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation.