

Private Organizations & The Blackbaud Giving Fund Transition

Private Schools and Private Non-Operating Foundation Ineligibility

As of 05/30/2020, in preparation for the launch of The Blackbaud Giving Fund, Private Non-Operating Foundations and non-501c3 Private Schools will no longer be searchable for giving in your community. As a result, these organizations will no longer be eligible to accept new donations or pledges. This change will not impact existing transactions that are pending disbursement.

Any active recurring payroll pledges to these organizations will be cancelled within the month of June, with the exception of pledges for Private Schools with an eligible 501c3 public charity replacement. This action is being taken to allow adequate time to process and disburse pending funds before the transition to The Blackbaud Giving Fund on 08/01/2020, after which we will no longer be able to disburse these organizations. Donors with cancelled payroll pledges will receive standard communication from our team near the date of cancellation.

Donations that are not disbursed by 08/01/2020 may be subject to the Stranded Funds process and require remediation. Our goal is to prevent this experience wherever possible for your employees.

Please reach out to your account manager if you would like further clarity around The Blackbaud Giving Fund ineligible organizations and their donor history within your community during the 2019/2020 year.

Guidance for Private Schools Seeking 501c3 Status

As of 08/01/2020, non-501c3 Private Schools are no longer eligible to accept donations through YourCause in accordance with the guidelines of The Blackbaud Giving Fund and general Donor Advised Fund (DAF) restrictions. Please see guidance below for next steps if your Private School is impacted.

We recommend that you first connect directly with the Private School to inquire if they are able to accept donations through an alternative foundation, parent organization or sister/group organization that is a 501c3 Public Charity. If yes, use the alternate organization's EIN/Tax ID Number to search within the giving site and confirm that they are eligible.

If there is not an eligible alternative and the Private School would like more information on seeking a 501c3 Public Charity Status, their admins can obtain more information here. Applications for 501c3 status consideration can be submitted here. Please note, we cannot provide tax advice or guidance around gaining charitable status.



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Guidance for Private Non-Operating Foundations Seeking 501c3 Status

Private Non-Operating Foundations are classified by the IRS with a deductibility code of "PF". These organizations are primarily grantmaking foundations that distribute funds for charitable purposes, and they are not eligible recipients of grants from a Donor Advised Fund (DAF). As of 08/01/2020, Private Non-Operating Foundations are no longer eligible to accept donations through YourCause in accordance with the guidelines of The Blackbaud Giving Fund and general Donor Advised Fund (DAF) restrictions. Please see guidance below for next steps if your Foundation is impacted.

We recommend that you first connect directly with the Private Non-Operating Foundation to either donate directly to the Foundation or to inquire if they are able to accept donations through an alternative foundation, parent organization or sister/group organization that is a 501c3 Public Charity.

If there is not an eligible alternative and the Private Non-Operating Foundation would like more information on seeking a 501c3 Public Charity Status, their admins can obtain more information here.

Additional Client Resources

To assist with the transition to The Blackbaud Giving Fund, we have added a helpful resource section within the Client Resource Center pertaining to The Blackbaud Giving Fund. The Resource Center can be accessed through your CSRconnect Client Admin Panel using the "Resource Center" link at the top right of your screen. Once you're in, just search for "The Blackbaud Giving Fund."

These resources include documentation that can be shared amongst your organization, client webinar recordings, and more. As we move toward our August launch date, our team will continue to update the resource page with the most up to date content.

Want to check one-off if an organization is eligible for giving through The Blackbaud Giving Fund? You can look up the Pub78 Determination status of any registered U.S. Nonprofit by inputting the registration ID here. If listed as PC (public charity) or POF (private operating foundation), the organization is eligible for donations made through YourCause and The Blackbaud Giving Fund. After 08/01/2020, you will be able to search directly within your giving community to determine giving eligibility.