

Questions about:

Charitable Contributions



- 1. If I make a contribution in early January, can I claim it on the previous year's taxes?**

No, charitable contributions must be claimed in the year in which they are delivered.

- 2. If I mail a contribution in December, but it doesn't reach my church until January, which year should I claim it?**

A check that is mailed to a charity is deductible in the year the check is mailed (and postmarked) even if it is received in the next year.

- 3. Can I deduct the value of volunteer work I did for the church?**

No, the value of personal services is never deductible as a charitable contribution; however, unreimbursed expenses you incur in performing services on behalf of the church may be.

- 4. Can I designate my contribution to the church benevolence fund (i.e. Hope Fund) to a specific person?**

No, you can not specify your contribution to be applied to a named individual.

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