

# ECSU Advancement Services Customer Support

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## Gala XVII Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### How can I ensure my gift is counted Gala XVII?

All gifts that are made on the online ticketing platform will be counted for the 2024 Gala XVII. If you prefer to make your gift via check, please include “Foundation Gala” in the memo section of your check to ensure that your gift is counted in our totals! Email us at [ecsufoundation@ecu.edu](mailto:ecsufoundation@ecu.edu) if you have additional questions.

### Is my gift tax-deductible?

#### Attendees

Per the IRS, the fair market value of the goods received is \$50.00 per ticket purchased. Only the portion of the contribution that exceeds this fair market value is tax deductible. Please retain the receipt for tax purposes, and as always, consult your advisor for how tax rules apply to you. Should you have questions regarding the receipt, please contact University Advancement at 252-335-3225 or e-mail Advancement Services at [ecsufoundation@ecu.edu](mailto:ecsufoundation@ecu.edu).

#### General Gifts of Support

Any additional gifts to the Elizabeth City State University Foundation, that are not payments to attend the Gala, are fully tax-deductible. If you are purchasing online, please add your gift to the “**Add a Gift to this Donation**”. You may also make a direct gift at the following Scholarships and Endowment page - [https://vikingsforward.ecsu.edu/project/29724/donate?des\\_id=264164](https://vikingsforward.ecsu.edu/project/29724/donate?des_id=264164)

#### Waiving of Benefits

If you choose to purchase a sponsorship but waive all benefits (not attending the Gala), your gift is fully tax-deductible. If paying by check or cash, please share if you are not attending the Gala and wish to waive the benefits.

#### Gifts from IRAs, Donor Advised Funds, Personal and Family Foundations

Because benefits are provided to the individual(s), a gift from an individual retirement account (IRA), donor advised fund (DAF), or personal/family foundation cannot be used for Gala ticket purchases. An individual cannot pay an event registration or sponsorship through a DAF **UNLESS the individual waives all benefits.**

#### What is the ECSU Foundation’s federal tax ID number?

The Federal Tax ID number (also known as an EIN, Employer Identification Number) is 23-7115345. The ECSU Foundation, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

**How long does it take to receive a tax receipt/acknowledgment letter?**

Gifts made online are immediately e-receipted to the email address used during your transaction. Gifts that are received in our office are typically acknowledged within 48-72 business hours, depending on volume.

**Can I submit a request to have my gift matched by my company?**

Sure! Please check with your company's human resources department for eligibility. You may also check if your company participates in a matching gift program [here](#).

**What is the address to mail my gift to ECSU?**

The Elizabeth City State University Foundation  
PO Box 1467  
Elizabeth City, NC 27906

**What if I have a question or need help?**

Call us at (252) 335-3225 or email us at [ecsufoundation@ecsu.edu](mailto:ecsufoundation@ecsu.edu). We'll be happy to assist!

**If I send a request to [ecsufoundation@ecsu.edu](mailto:ecsufoundation@ecsu.edu), when will you respond?**

All requests sent to our Advancement Services team at [ecsufoundation@ecsu.edu](mailto:ecsufoundation@ecsu.edu) will typically be handled in 2 business days to allow sufficient time for processing.