

Donation Policy

Areas of Giving:

As a recognized community business, CHS Elburn is often looked to for support of all sorts. By creating defined areas of giving, our cooperative will be able to better leverage donations through focused contributions. While it's good to contribute to many causes, sometimes certain requests do not always follow the mission of CHS Elburn or benefit our patrons and their communities. In those cases, the decisions to not fund requests are supported by our donation policy.

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These areas of giving can also help CHS Elburn tell its story, such as we gave 8,000 dollars in scholarships through an endowment with the DeKalb County Community Foundation and through operations, over 15,000 dollars to community-based events and agricultural-related programs last year.

CHS Elburn's three areas of giving include **Scholarships**, **Agriculture**, and **Patron Support**. These categories allow our business to donate to causes that benefit our patrons and their communities. Examples of donation areas CHS Elburn has chosen are listed below:

Scholarships: 8,000 dollars in scholarships

Agriculture: 4-H, FFA, Farm Bureau, etc.

Patron/Employee Support: Fire Departments, events connected to our Patrons, employees and their communities.

Application Process:

Our cooperative will now require that requests for donations be in writing or email for tracking purposes. By tracking donation requests and actual donations, we can readily assimilate this information for ongoing review and evaluation for CHS Elburn.

To better manage requests, an application must be submitted 7-days in advance. Using a request form also helps everyone understand where the donation is going and how it impacts our community.

Decision Process:

The request form will then be evaluated based on areas of giving designated by the cooperative. Letters will then be sent to applicants following the evaluation process either accepting or rejecting their contribution request.

