



FAQ – Official Registration as a Charity

1. What Changes with Our New Status?

Obtaining registered charity status is an important milestone for the Jefo Foundation, but our mission remains the same: supporting the next generation of agri-food professionals and contributing to the development of our sector.

For our partners, donors, and event participants, the main change is that certain eligible contributions may now qualify for an official charitable donation receipt, allowing donors to benefit from the tax advantages provided under applicable legislation.

This new status also requires us to comply with tax rules specific to registered charities. As a result, the various forms of support provided to the Foundation (donations, sponsorships, event tickets, auctions, gifts in kind, etc.) must now be evaluated according to their nature to determine whether an official donation receipt can be issued.

In summary, this change will allow us to:

- Offer more contribution options to our donors;
- Issue official charitable donation receipts when permitted under applicable rules;
- Continue expanding our fundraising activities to benefit the next generation of agri-food professionals;
- Ensure management practices comply with the requirements applicable to registered charities.

2. Do All Amounts Paid to the Foundation Automatically Qualify for a Tax Receipt?

No.

For a receipt to be issued, the contribution must qualify as a genuine charitable gift for tax purposes. If the individual or business receives a significant benefit in return (advertising, commercial visibility, corporate benefits, event tickets, etc.), the eligible amount may be reduced or no receipt may be issued.

3. What Is the Difference Between a Donation and a Sponsorship?

The main difference lies in the benefits provided in exchange for the contribution.



A donation is a voluntary contribution made to support the Foundation's mission without providing a significant benefit to the donor in return. When a donation meets the applicable tax requirements, it may qualify for an official charitable donation receipt.

A sponsorship, on the other hand, is generally associated with recognition or visibility provided to the partner, such as logo placement, promotional mentions, advertising, or other business-related benefits. In this case, the contribution is considered a sponsorship rather than a donation.

At the Jefo Foundation, contributions made through partnership programs are treated as sponsorships. Therefore, they are invoiced but are not eligible for an official charitable donation receipt.

4. Impact for Those Who Have Made a Contribution Since November 18, 2025

Will I Receive a Tax Receipt for a Donation I Have Already Made?

Possibly.

The Jefo Foundation obtained registered charity status with a retroactive effective date of November 18, 2025. Contributions made since that date will be reviewed to determine whether they qualify for an official charitable donation receipt under applicable rules.

Eligibility depends primarily on the nature of the contribution. Eligible donations may qualify for an official donation receipt, whereas certain other contributions, such as sponsorships, are generally not eligible.

If your contribution qualifies, the Foundation will contact you if additional information is required to issue the receipt.

Is My Contribution Made Before Registration Eligible?

It depends on the date the contribution was made.

The Jefo Foundation's registration as a charity is retroactive to November 18, 2025. Therefore, eligible contributions made on or after that date may be reviewed to determine whether an official donation receipt can be issued.

Contributions made before November 18, 2025 are not eligible for an official charitable donation receipt.



Do I Need to Submit a Request?

No.

The Foundation will contact affected individuals directly when additional information is required or when an eligible contribution may qualify for an official charitable donation receipt.

If we need to verify any details related to your contribution, a member of our team will contact you directly.

5. June 2026 Benefit Cocktail Event

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I Purchased a Ticket. Will I Receive a Receipt?

Yes.

In accordance with tax rules applicable to charitable fundraising events, an official donation receipt may be issued for the eligible portion of your ticket. This amount corresponds to the ticket price paid minus the value of benefits received during the event, such as meals, beverages, or any other benefits included with the ticket.

The Foundation will determine the value of those benefits in order to calculate the eligible donation amount and issue the corresponding receipt.

I Made a Contribution During the Event. Will I Receive a Receipt?

It depends on the nature of the contribution.



Some contributions made during the event may qualify for an official charitable donation receipt, while others may not. Eligibility depends on factors such as the type of contribution, whether any benefit was received in return, and the availability of documentation required to establish the eligible donation amount.

Each contribution will therefore be assessed individually to determine whether a receipt can be issued and, if so, for what amount.

If you made a contribution during the event and would like information regarding your specific situation, please contact the Foundation.

Is My Sponsorship Eligible for a Tax Receipt?

No.

Sponsorships associated with Foundation activities are not eligible for official charitable donation receipts. Sponsorships generally include benefits provided to the sponsor, such as visibility, logo placement, promotional mentions, event tickets, or other forms of recognition.

Under these circumstances, the Foundation cannot accurately determine an eligible donation portion and issue a receipt that complies with Canada Revenue Agency requirements.

Businesses that provide sponsorships may keep their invoices for accounting and tax purposes, subject to applicable rules.

Can I Convert a Past Sponsorship into a Donation?

No.

The tax treatment of a contribution is determined based on the nature of the agreement at the time the contribution is made. If a contribution was provided as a sponsorship and the business received benefits in return (visibility, logo placement, advertising, event tickets, promotional mentions, etc.), it cannot be retroactively reclassified as a donation.

My Company Paid. Who Will Receive the Receipt?

The official charitable donation receipt will generally be issued in the name of the person or entity that made the payment.



Therefore, if a ticket or donation was paid directly by a company, the receipt will generally be issued to that company. Conversely, if the payment was made personally by an individual, the receipt will be issued in that individual's name.

To ensure the accuracy of the information appearing on the receipt, the Foundation will use the information associated with the payment and may contact the donor if verification is required.

I No Longer Have Proof of Payment. What Should I Do?

Please contact us.

We can review our records in order to locate your transaction.

6. For Businesses

What Is the Difference Between a Donation and a Sponsorship?

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A sponsorship typically includes recognition or visibility provided to the partner, such as logo placement, promotional mentions, advertising, or other business-related benefits. In this case, the contribution is considered a sponsorship rather than a donation.

Is It Better for Me to Make a Donation or Provide a Sponsorship?

It depends on your objectives.

If your primary goal is to support the Foundation's mission and obtain an official charitable donation receipt, a donation is generally the preferred option.

If you would like to receive business visibility or promotional benefits through our activities, a sponsorship may be more appropriate. Sponsorships result in an invoice but are not eligible for official charitable donation receipts.

We encourage you to contact the Foundation to discuss the option best suited to your goals and circumstances.



Will I Continue to Receive an Invoice as Before?

Yes.

Contributions provided as sponsorships will continue to be invoiced as they have been in the past. Since sponsorships are not eligible for official charitable donation receipts, the Foundation will issue an invoice reflecting the contribution and the benefits associated with the sponsorship.

This invoice may be retained for accounting and tax purposes in accordance with applicable rules. Because sponsorships are generally associated with promotional or visibility benefits, they are treated differently from donations for tax purposes.

Will Receipts Be Issued in the Name of the Company or the Employee?

The official charitable donation receipt will be issued in the name of the person or entity that made the payment.

Therefore, when a contribution is paid directly by a company, the receipt will be issued in the company's name. If the contribution is paid personally by an employee, the receipt will generally be issued in the employee's name.

In exceptional situations, or if verification is required, the Foundation may contact you to ensure the receipt is issued correctly.

How Will Gifts in Kind and Services Be Treated?

Contributions of goods and services are not treated the same way.

Gifts in kind (for example, equipment, artwork, supplies, or other property) may, under certain circumstances, qualify for an official charitable donation receipt. The value of the donated property must be determined according to applicable rules.

Donated services (for example, volunteer time, professional services, event hosting, graphic design, transportation, or labour) generally do not qualify for an official charitable donation receipt. Tax rules recognize gifts of property but generally not services provided free of charge.

What Should I Do If My Contact Information Has Changed?

Please contact us.



We can update your file and ensure that all communications and official charitable donation receipts are sent to the correct contact information.

7. For Individuals

I Purchased a Ticket. Will I Receive a Receipt?

Yes.

In accordance with tax rules applicable to charitable fundraising events, an official donation receipt may be issued for the eligible portion of your ticket. This amount is equal to the amount paid minus the value of any benefits received, such as meals, beverages, or other benefits included with the ticket.

The Foundation will determine the value of these benefits in order to calculate the eligible donation amount and issue the corresponding receipt.

Can I Request a Receipt in My Spouse's Name?

No.

The official charitable donation receipt must be issued in the name of the person who made the donation or payment.

What Should I Do If My Contact Information Has Changed?

Please contact us.

We can update your file and ensure that all communications and official charitable donation receipts are sent to the correct contact information.

8. Other Questions

When Will I Receive My Annual Receipt?

You will automatically receive by email a receipt summarizing all eligible donations made to the Jefo Foundation during the fiscal year.



Receipts will be issued annually, generally in January or February of the following year, in order to simplify your tax filing process and consolidate all eligible contributions to the Jefo Foundation on a single receipt.

If your contact information changes during the year, please inform the Foundation to ensure you receive your receipt.

How Can I Make a Donation Now?

Making a donation to the Jefo Foundation is simple.

To support our mission and help the next generation of agri-food professionals, simply click the link below and follow the instructions:

Jefo Foundation Contribution – With Tax Receipt

<https://www.zeffy.com/fr-CA/donation-form/contribution-a-la-fondation-jefo-avec-recu-dimpot>

What Types of Donations Are Eligible?

The Jefo Foundation can accept cash donations and gifts in kind.

Cash donations can easily be made online using our secure donation platform:

Jefo Foundation Contribution – With Tax Receipt

Gifts in kind may include equipment, supplies, or other property that can support the Foundation's mission. The eligibility and value of such gifts will be evaluated in accordance with applicable rules.

If you wish to make a gift in kind, please contact the Foundation to discuss the applicable requirements.

Can I Make a Major Gift?

Yes.

We would be pleased to assist you. Please contact the Foundation to discuss the various giving opportunities available and determine the option best suited to your objectives.



9. Contact Us

Do you have a question regarding a donation, an official receipt, a past contribution, or the different ways to support the Jefe Foundation?

Our team will be pleased to assist you and answer your questions.

Email: fondationjefe@jefe.ca

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Please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help.