

Frequently Asked Questions

May someone from Ochsner attend and/or speak at my event or committee meetings?

We will make our best effort to have Ochsner representatives present. However, we cannot guarantee the attendance of physicians, staff or volunteers at your event.

Are there any guidelines around sponsorship and in-kind donations?

To avoid duplicate solicitations, we kindly ask that you notify us before asking a business or company for a donation, cash or in-kind.

May I have a raffle at my event?

To legally conduct any gambling activity or “game of chance” in Louisiana, including raffles, bazaars, and “Las Vegas Night” events, your organization must maintain 501(c)3 status and acquire a permit from the clerk of the city in which the fundraiser will take place. For more information, visit the Louisiana Office of Charitable Gaming website.

May I have an auction?

Yes! You can absolutely host a silent or live auction. As a reminder, when advertising any items in a silent or live auction, you must display the fair market value. Items valued as “priceless” will not be eligible for a tax receipt. Ochsner will only issue IRS-compliant tax receipts if the donor pays beyond the fair market value and if payment is made directly to Ochsner Clinic Foundation.

Does Ochsner provide event insurance?

The Community Champion is responsible for obtaining event insurance.

Are there restrictions on fundraisers?

Your fundraiser must align with the mission, vision, and core values of Ochsner for us to endorse it. We will let you know if we are concerned with any aspect of your fundraiser during our initial meeting.





May I designate my funds raised?

Yes! If you have a specific hospital in mind, please discuss this during the initial call with your staff partner. Please note, certain funds might not be available if this is your first-year fundraising.

Do I need to create a 501(c)3 organization to host a fundraiser for Ochsner?

No need. You just need to apply online.

Will Ochsner issue tax receipts to my donors?

Ochsner will only issue a tax receipt to the Community Champion. The Community Champion should collect all donations and submit as one payment to the Ochsner Clinic Foundation.

Why would my application be denied?

In general, Ochsner may not approve your event that:

- Does not align with the mission, vision and core values of Ochsner
- Promotes a political party/candidate or appears to endorse political issue(s)
- Potentially conflicts with an existing special event, marketing or public relations campaign
- Requires Ochsner to sell tickets, coupons, involves telemarketing or door-to-door solicitation
- Involves gambling or games of chance