



AANA Foundation Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Question. What is the AANA Foundation?

Answer. Established in 1981, the AANA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization devoted to anesthesia research and education.

Q. What is the mission of the AANA Foundation?

A. The Foundation's mission is to advance the science of anesthesia through education and research.

Q. How does the Foundation serve its mission?

A. The Foundation uses all annual giving donations to further its mission in support of anesthesia education and research, which include fellowships, poster presentations, research grants and an evidence based practice lecture series. The Foundation also awards scholarships to CRNAs and nurse anesthesia students.

Q. Who does the Foundation support?

A. The Foundation supports CRNAs and nurse anesthesia students. Support is awarded for research and education endeavors.

Q. What is the structure of the AANA Foundation?

A. The Foundation consists of 16 Board of Trustees, including two public board members. The Board of Trustees serves as the Foundation's governing body. The AANA Foundation's Executive Director works with the Foundation staff to carry out the mission-driven goals of the Board of Trustees.

Q. How can I donate to the AANA Foundation?

A. The Foundation offers a variety of gift options that donors can implement. The following type of gifts are accepted: cash, scholarship sponsorships, tribute and memorial gifts, gifts to the Annual Giving Campaign or major gifts through securities, bequests, trusts and endowments. Online donations are accepted on the Foundation's website at www.aanafoundation.com. All online donations are secure and personal information is protected.

Q. Are donations to the AANA Foundation tax-deductible?

A. The AANA Foundation has 501(c)(3) tax exempt status in the United States and all contributions (excluding raffles) are tax-deductible. When a gift/service is received after making a donation, a tax deduction may be claimed for the amount above the fair market value of the gift/service.



Q. Can I make a gift payable over a period of time?

A. The Foundation is happy to accommodate donor's giving preferences. Gift commitments can be fulfilled in annual, quarterly or monthly installments.

Q. What happens when I make a pledge over a period of time?

A. When making a pledge, the Foundation records your payment schedule according to your arrangement. We e-mail pledge reminders before your scheduled payment is due to alert you of the debit against your supplied credit card.

Q. Which credit cards does the Foundation accept?

A. The Foundation accepts all major credit cards except the Diners Club. These gifts can be given monthly, quarterly or annually.

Q. Can I determine how the AANA Foundation will use the funds that I contribute?

A. Yes. Depending on the type and amount of the gift, donors can specify how the gift will be used. Some donors have done this by sponsoring scholarships that specifically fund anesthesia education. The majority of our donors contribute to the Annual Giving Campaign, allowing the Foundation greater flexibility in directing the gift to help CRNAs conduct research and support students.

Q. What is the Foundation's fiscal year?

A. The AANA Foundation's fiscal year is September 1st through August 31st.

Q. I gave to the Foundation earlier this year, why was I asked to give twice this year?

A. The Foundation takes pride in respecting the privacy of its donors and typically does not request additional donations from individuals the same year that a gift was received. The Foundation's fiscal year is not concurrent with the calendar year. If a donation is requested twice in the same calendar year, it is highly likely that it is in the Foundation's new fiscal year.

Q. Why do I receive telemarketing calls from the Foundation?

A. The AANA Foundation works with a service provider once a year to conduct fundraising calls. The success of the telephone fundraising campaign assists the Foundation in providing much needed financial assistance to CRNAs and anesthesia students. Telemarketing calls are typically made in the fall or winter and are our most successful fundraising technique.



Q. Is it safe to make credit card donations to the Foundation's telemarketing company over the telephone?

A. We are proud that our vendor, DirectLine Technologies, is fully PCI DSS certified by Scan Alert. This certification guarantees that all donor information is protected and secure.

Q. My caller identification box shows that your telemarketing company called me three times. Why do they keep calling?

A. Our telemarketing firm does their best to make every effort to reach someone personally on the telephone. Their representatives do not leave voice messages, however, if they are unable to reach you, they will continue to make several attempts to speak with you directly.

Q. How can I volunteer my time to the Foundation?

A. The Annual Meeting provides the greatest opportunities for people to donate their time to the Foundation as a committee member, during special events and at the exhibit booth. The Foundation hosts a special event every other year and conducts an annual golf tournament. We encourage your participation in the Foundation's activities as a committee member or at our events. We look forward to working with you to help the Foundation. Contact the Foundation staff in advance of the event/meeting that you would like to offer assistance. If you would like to serve on a specific committee or serve as your states' Advocate, please contact us at foundation@aana.com.