



ASSOCIATION OF ENERGY ENGINEERS

CHAPTER FUNDRAISING

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FUNDRAISING

Chapters are advised to be very cautious in soliciting donations. In the U.S., IRS has warned that 501(c)(6) nonprofit organizations (such as AEE) must not imply that they are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations (such as the AEE Foundation).

501(c)(6) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THE ASSOCIATION OF ENERGY ENGINEERS

The Association of Energy Engineers and its Chapters are a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization. Donations to a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization are not tax deductible. As a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization, AEE, and its Chapters are not exempt from state sales taxes.

501(c)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THE FOUNDATION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ENERGY ENGINEERS

The Foundation of the Association of Energy Engineers is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization are tax deductible.

If a Chapter is raising funds for scholarships that it will collect and distribute through the Chapter and not through the AEE Foundation, donors must be informed that donations **are not tax-deductible**. If a donor to the chapter's fundraiser claims that his/her contribution is tax-deductible and is then audited, taxes plus penalties may be due.

Chapters may channel their scholarship funds through the 501(c)(3) Foundation of AEE (FAEE), and be assured that donations are tax deductible. If a donor requests a restricted donation, or if an AEE Chapter is awarding scholarships to its local student(s) through FAEE, checks should be made out to the AEE Foundation and mailed prior to the scholarship deadline. The chapter is free to select its own recipient(s) but it must also submit recipient(s) documentation including application(s) together with current college transcripts (unofficial transcripts are accepted) to the FAEE Scholarship Director.

FUNDRAISING FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

Chapters are encouraged to raise funds for special projects that do not encroach upon programs already in place by AEE International. When in doubt, AEE Headquarters should be consulted.