

YUFA CHARITABLE DONATIONS POLICY

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All monetary donations made by the York University Faculty Association (YUFA) shall be consistent with and advance the goals and purposes of YUFA. Furthermore, YUFA may through its donations engage in social and trade union activism. This policy clarifies the limits on and responsibilities for solidarity and general charitable donations.

1. YUFA will make solidarity and general charitable donations only to non-profit groups and organizations.
2. The fundamental purpose for providing financial support to various groups and causes is to (a) advance educational equity; (b) promote social justice; (c) enhance democratic bargaining and (d) respond to miscellaneous requests for humanitarian aid in exceptional circumstances.
3. Groups or causes that have no discernible connection to education, social justice, humanitarian and collective bargaining concerns will not be eligible to receive funding.
4. In addition to the amount budgeted for solidarity donations already in place, a separate funding line of \$10,000 will be established to provide for general charitable donations herein referred to as the General Donations and Contributions Fund. Monies from the General Donations and Contributions Fund may be disbursed by the Executive Committee to a maximum of \$1,000 per single request. In exceptional circumstances and upon the recommendation of the President and Treasurer, the Executive Committee may donate up to an additional \$1,000.
5. Requests for donations from student organizations will be considered based on the scope and nature of the project for which funding is requested. The same criterion will apply to groups or organizations whose goals are similar to those identified in 2 (a), (b) and (d).
6. Regarding requests for solidarity funds, preference will be given to: (a) other Canadian Faculty Associations; (b) other union groups at York University; (c) other union groups in the city of Toronto, and (d) union groups in the broader public sector.
7. Annual donations of up to \$200 per organization, consistent with the above, can be made at the discretion of the Vice President External. The Executive Committee will ratify donations over \$200. The Vice President will report all requests and all donations bi-monthly (i.e., every two weeks) to the Executive. The Vice President will also prepare bi-annual (i.e., every six months) reports to the Executive Committee on all donations. All donations above \$5,000 will also be reported to Stewards' Council. Donations above \$15,000 will be brought to Stewards' Council for a vote.
8. Normally, a request to YUFA for a donation will include a statement of the organization's or individual's aims, the purpose to which the funds will be put, and a budget for the event or project.