

## 50-50 Raffle Information for Student Groups and Organizations

Getting Started

### Question #1: Does the municipality allow raffles

**Alfred State College** and **SUNY Geneseo**

All other SUNY campuses

No. These campuses are located in municipalities that do not allow charitable raffles. Student groups on these campuses may not conduct raffles.

Yes. All other municipalities housing SUNY campuses allow charitable raffles.

### Question #2: Can our student group hold a raffle?

Does the student group meet **ALL** of the following criteria? **Is the student organization:**

- a not-for-profit;
- at least three years old;
- considered religious; charitable; educational; fraternal; OR service-based?
- Is the organization's listed main purpose to help needy or deserving people advance in education, religion, health, or citizenry?

No

Yes

The student organization cannot conduct a raffle.

Proceed to question #3

### Question #3: Must the student group apply for a raffle permit?

How much money will the student organization raise from its raffle(s)?

- Less than \$5,000 in a single raffle, **AND**
- Less than \$20,000 during the calendar year

- More than \$5,000 in a single raffle, **OR**
- More than \$20,000 in a calendar year, **BUT** less than \$30,000

- More than \$30,000 in a calendar year

The organization does NOT need to apply for a raffle permit.

Apply for an ID # with the NYS Racing and Wagering Board. (Form GCVS-1)

If approved for an ID #, apply for a license with your municipality.

Apply for an ID # with the NYS Racing and Wagering Board; pay a 2% filing fee. (GC-2; GC-2A; GC-2B)

# How to Conduct the Raffle / How the Funds May Be Used

## Question #4: Must the student group report proceeds from the raffle?

How much money will the student organization raise from its raffle(s)?

- Less than \$5,000 in a single raffle, **AND**
- Less than \$20,000 during the calendar year

No reporting is necessary

- More than \$5,000 in a single raffle, **OR**
- More than \$20,000 in a calendar year, **BUT** less than \$30,000

- Report to the Board within 30 days of the end of the calendar year. (Form GCVS-2)
- State the amount of net proceeds and how the

- More than \$30,000 in a calendar year

- Report to the Board within 30 days of the end of the year. (Forms GC-6—If amending application—GC-7R)
- Pay a 2% licensing fee if amending application that predicted profits of less than \$30,000.
- Maintain separate bank account

## Question #5: What can the student group spend the raffle proceeds on?

### Excluded Expenses

- Entertainment and social activities for the group;
- Services or items for the exclusive benefit of members (e.g. cannot hold a raffle to raise money for a group member's sick relative);
- Any bar or alcohol related expenses;
- TV or entertainment devices for the group.

### Allowable Expenses

- Equipment for the raffle
  - Licensing fees
  - Advertising
  - Charitable or religious purposes
  - Educational scholarships and equipment
  - Helping needy or deserving people advance in education, religion, health, or citizenry.
- NOTE: Fraternal organizations can spend up to \$10,000 of raffle proceeds per year for maintenance costs and repairs, but they must first spend one-third of the proceeds on the causes listed above.

## Question #6: What regulations must the group abide by when conducting the raffle?

- No one under age 18 may buy or sell raffle tickets.
- No one who has assisted in managing or conducting the raffle may participate as a player.
- Tickets cannot be sold more than 180 days before the drawing.
- Tickets sold must be consecutively numbered. Use one ticket wheel if possible. If the wheel runs out of tickets, use a second wheel that begins with the number immediately