

State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC)?

Texas' State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) is one of the largest state employee campaigns in the nation. One of the great benefits of the SECC is the wide variety of charities and causes represented – there is something for everyone. They range from local organizations and statewide organizations to large well-known national and international groups.

The SECC is governed at both the statewide and local levels. This ensures that the campaign is conducted fairly and equitably under a strict set of guidelines which give donors confidence in both the charities that benefit, and the methods used to solicit.

Giving to a favorite charity through the SECC is an easy, effective, and cost-efficient way to give. Through UTRGV, contributions may be made via payroll deduction or monetary one-time payment. These contributions help improve the quality of life for people in communities locally, across the country and around the world.

2. When can employees participate in SECC?

UTRGV Human Resources coordinates The State Employee Charitable Campaign during the month of October. All pledge forms must be submitted by the last working day of October.

3. How do I give through the SECC?

Review the 2021 SECC Charity Directory for the organization information available at <https://www.utrgv.edu/hr/wellness/state-employee-charitable-campaign/index.htm>. Contribution options include a One-Time Contribution payment or through a convenient Payroll Deduction.

PAYROLL DEDUCTION	CASH, CHECK, CREDIT CARD (ONE-TIME PAYMENT)
1. Complete the Contribution Authorization form on DocuSign	1. Complete the Contribution Authorization form on DocuSign 2. Call or Visit Payments & Collections Brownsville BMAIN 1.100 (956) 882-7623 Edinburg ESSBL 1.200 (956) 665-2718

Once DocuSign is submitted, the form is automatically sent to SECC@utrgv.edu

4. Can I donate any amount?

All contributions help make a difference. Organizations are able to extend their impact by the generous contributions they receive. The minimum contribution amount is \$ 2.00 for each charity of your choice.

SECC Leadership giving provides such an opportunity, for those wishing to maximize the impact of their charitable gift through the State Employee Charitable Campaign. An SECC leadership gift will provide far-reaching opportunities for your favorite charitable organizations, enabling them to address a wider range of health and human service issues due to your increased generosity.

Yellow Rose

\$1,000 - \$2,499

Bluebonnet Circle

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Alamo Circle

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Lone Star Circle

\$10,000 +

5. What charities/organizations are involved?

One of the great benefits of the SECC is the wide variety of charities and causes represented — there's something for everyone. They range from small local organizations to large and well-known statewide, national, and international groups.

Those charities that wish to participate must meet stringent legal requirements, and then be reviewed in great detail by teams of state employees to ensure:

- They are recognized by the IRS as 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and registered with the Secretary of State.
- They are audited (or reviewed) annually by an accountant in accordance with generally-accepted auditing standards.
- They provide direct or indirect health and human services.
- They spend no more than 25 percent of funds raised on administration and fund raising — unless they qualify for an exception due to special circumstances.

6. Need for information?

Additional detailed information regarding the State Employee Charitable Campaign, may be found in the [SECC Directory](#) document, or you may contact UTRGV coordinators at SECC@utrgv.edu.