



## ATTENDANCE AT POLITICAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS & POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Olds College of Agriculture &amp; Technology (the “College”) will ensure that it meets all guidelines set out by the Canada Revenue Agency. It is also recognized that all employees of the College, while acting on behalf of the College, adhere to these guidelines.</p> <p>It is understood that attendance by registered charity officials, in their official capacity, at a fundraising event for a political party or politician is not acceptable because it conveys the impression of partisan activity by the registered charity. The College will abide by the permitted and prohibited activities as outlined in Canada Revenue Agency Policy Statement Reference number CG-027.</p> <p>This policy also ensures that the College adheres to the <i>Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act</i>. Therefore, the College is prohibited from making any financial contributions to registered political parties, registered constituency or electoral district associations, or registered candidates as defined by that legislation, and from contributing to any political fundraising function.</p>
<b>Policy:</b>	<p>In order to comply with the Canada Revenue Agency, it is acknowledged that the College will not secure any of its financial resources to pay for activities such as fundraising events for any political party or candidate for public office. It is also recognized that under the <i>Income Tax Act</i>, a registered charity can be involved in non-partisan activities as long as it substantially devotes all of its resources to charitable activities. Any political activities have to help accomplish the charity’s purpose and remain incidental in scope.</p> <p>It is recognized that staff can attend these partisan functions on their personal time using their personal financial resources.</p>
<b>Definitions:</b>	

<b>Related Information:</b>	<a href="#"><i>Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act</i></a>
<b>Related Procedures:</b>	
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