

# Guidelines for Student Organization Fundraisers

Jacksonville State University Dean of Students Office

## Requesting to Host a Fundraiser

Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) must complete a Fundraising/Solicitation Request Form and receive signatures from their faculty advisor and the Dean of Students before hosting a fundraiser. The Fundraising/Solicitation Request Form can be found on the Dean of Students Office webpage by clicking the "Forms" tab.

[Fundraising/Solicitation Request Form](#)

## Common Fundraisers

### Profit Share/Spirit Nights

Many local restaurants and businesses offer profit share agreements and/or spirit night fundraisers for student organizations. Contact the managers or owners of the company if you are interested in hosting something at their business.

### Raffles, Give Aways, and Auctions

#### Raffles

Student groups and organizations **ARE NOT** allowed to hold raffles. Raffles are lottery-type systems in which tickets are sold, and then one or multiple tickets are drawn at random, and the person who bought the drawn ticket wins a prize.

- This definition will be applied to those initiatives and/or events not labeled as a raffle but which would be reasonably understood to have the characteristics and function of a raffle.
- Student groups and organizations may not label an event by another name (drawing, chances, etc.) and then functionally carry out a raffle.

#### Pools

Student groups and organizations **ARE NOT** allowed to hold pools in which students "buy in" and then collect money at the end of the event. An example of this is a March Madness pool in which students pay \$xx for a bracket, and the winning student wins a sum of money.

- This definition will be applied to those initiatives and/or events not labeled as a pool but which would be reasonably understood to have the characteristics and function of a pool.

### Drawings and Offering Door Prizes

Student groups and organizations **ARE** allowed to hold drawings and offer door prizes as long as no individual has to pay money to be entered into the drawing or eligible for the door prize.

- This definition will be applied to those initiatives and/or events not labeled as a drawing or a door prize but which would be reasonably understood to have the characteristics and function of a drawing or door prize.
- Student groups and organizations may not use allocation money to buy the prizes/items given away via a drawing or door prize, nor can allocation money be used for the supplies or materials needed to run the drawing or door prize.

#### Auctions & Silent Auctions

Student groups and organizations **ARE** allowed to hold auctions or silent auctions. Auctions are events where individuals bid on an item, and the person with the highest bid receives the item.

- This definition will be applied to those initiatives and/or events not labeled as an auction/silent auction but which would be reasonably understood to have the characteristics and function of an auction/silent auction.
- Student groups and organizations may not use allocation money to buy the prizes/items sold at an auction/silent auction, nor can allocation money be used for the supplies or materials needed to run the auction/silent auction.

#### Additional Information

Students and/or student groups who are found to be conducting a giveaway, raffle, auction, or pool that does not comply with these guidelines will be directed to stop the activity immediately and return money or items collected to that point.

The State of Alabama considers raffles to be lotteries, which are illegal under state law. See Article 2, Sections 13A-12-20, 13A-12-21, and 13A-12-22 of the [\*\*State of Alabama Criminal Code\*\*](#).

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