



AVA values its Networks and their efforts to provide valuable education in the field of vascular access. We appreciate your eagerness to support the AVA Foundation and its mission to achieve innovation, research and education. Below is some basic information to help you navigate through compliance issues concerning donations.

*What Networks **CAN** do to support The AVA Foundation?*

- Networks can have activities (such as a 50/50 raffle and silent auctions) and donate funds from what is collected. The funds are donated on behalf of the Network to the AVA Foundation. The funds collected through this process are NOT tax deductible to the network member/attendee.
- If the Network would like to collect donations for the AVA Foundation, they would only be collecting and forwarding checks made payable to The AVA Foundation. A receipt will be distributed directly to the donor from The AVA Foundation and the funds would be tax deductible through 501(c)3 guidelines. There is no direct connection between the Network and the Foundation.
- Networks are to provide any donated funds to The AVA Foundation in a check or electronic transfer; these transactions are more secure and provide proper documentation.
- Promote that donations may be made directly to The AVA Foundation on their website at www.avainfo.org/foundation

*What Networks **CANNOT** do to support The AVA Foundation?*

- AVA Networks cannot receive tax deductible donations of any kind as the networks are not a 501(c)3
- Tax deductible donations cannot go through any network accounts as this will make the donation invalid and not tax deductible.
- Checks cannot be made out to the Network for donation purposes.

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