

FEDERATIONS

- Q.** If a charitable organization lists with a federation during a campaign, is that federation required to complete the cycle of distribution? If the charitable organization signs up with another federation, can the new federation take over distribution payments before the cycle ends?
- A.** When a charitable organization joins a federation, it must allow that federation to complete one full campaign cycle involving distribution payments. This does not prevent the charitable organization from signing with a new federation but the original federation must complete the distribution cycle. For example, a member organization of a federation in the 2006 CFC must allow that federation to complete its distribution for that member through the final payment, which would occur in 2008. The member organization is permitted to join another federation during 2007 but it may not take the distribution away from the original federation.
- Q.** Can a local federation participate in more than one campaign... particularly neighboring campaigns?
- A.** Yes. However, it must separately apply to all CFCs and meet the local presence or statewide presence requirements in each location.
- Q.** Can a federation apply for inclusion in the CFC Charity List without including its member organizations?
- A.** Not as a federation. It can be listed as an independent organization if it meets all required criteria.
- Q.** Since a local or regional federation can be in more than one CFC, if one CFC accepts the federation, can the neighboring campaign accept the application without having to review all the applications of all its members?

- A. LFCCs in a state may enter into agreements to have one committee review all statewide applications. Participating campaigns would honor the decision of that LFCC. In all other cases, each LFCC must fully review any and all charitable organizations applying for eligibility regardless of their status in other campaign areas. Admission into one campaign area is not a guarantee of admission into another.
- Q. Can you have a local federation with less than 15 eligible member organizations? What if they have 15 eligible member organizations but one member organization elects to list with another federation taking them to 14 member organizations?
- A. A federation must have 15 qualifying member organizations, in addition to itself at the time of its application, to be deemed eligible for participation as a federation in any CFC. In cases where federations have the same organizations eligible, the organization must write a letter to the LFCC determining which federation they want to be listed under during the campaign. Federations are only listed if they have 15 eligible members on their listing. If the federation has 14 or fewer members in addition to itself at the time of application, it should request its member organizations to apply as independent organizations. If a federation falls to 14 or fewer member organizations during the year, the federation that listed the organization that has left will continue to distribute that organization's funds through the remainder of the campaign period.