



A place for students and community to thrive

Our current fundraising priority is the Recreation and Wellness Centre on the Kelowna campus.

Many people are surprised to learn that Okanagan College's Kelowna campus does not have a gym or recreational facility today. There is no place for intramurals, pick-up games or tournaments, and no home side venue for the OC Coyotes' basketball and baseball teams to train.

When the College community comes together to celebrate convocation – we don't have a large indoor central hub or space.

This needs to change – and that's why we're prioritizing a new Recreation and Wellness Centre.

Generous donors have stepped up to the plate to support the \$14-million Thrive Here campaign through generous leadership-level gifts. Through their incredible giving, the OC Foundation has built a fund of \$9 million.

Now, we need to take this effort across the finish line and as a community raise the remaining \$5 million together.

Help us build a space that will support students' physical, mental and social well-being. With your support, this Centre will help students and our community thrive.

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Welcome

Welcome! Thank you for wanting to learn more about how you can support students and programs at Okanagan College by raising funds for the Okanagan College Foundation. We've designed this helpful toolkit to give you the resources you'll need to make your fundraiser a success.

Why support the Okanagan College Foundation?

We inspire giving to transform lives and communities.

We are incredibly thankful to the countless individuals and organizations who support student success through awards, new learning equipment and state-of-the-art facilities.

Donors tell us they are inspired to help students reach their full potential in higher education knowing they will become the skilled professionals and engaged citizens needed to sustain and build prosperous, healthy communities throughout the Okanagan.

We encourage you to read our [Gratitude Report](#), which shares some of the many ways generous donors are contributing to student success.

How will the funds be used?

You can determine what program or area of need your fundraiser will support – or you can leave it open so that we can allocate the funds to current priority projects.

Currently, our main fundraising priority is the Thrive Here campaign for a new Recreation and Wellness Centre on the Kelowna campus. This Centre will serve as a hub for students physical, social and mental well-being. To learn more about this campaign visit Okanagan.bc.ca/thrivehere

You can choose to designate the funds raised through your event to capital improvements, program support or create a student award. You can also give to the area of greatest need, helping us address priority issues.

Some programs and areas of need are listed below.

- Greatest need
- Health and Social Development
- Trades and Apprenticeship
- Business
- Indigenous Initiatives

For a search of all of Okanagan College's program areas, please click [Programs](#).

Section 1: Planning a fundraising event

WHAT IS A THIRD-PARTY EVENT?

A third-party fundraising event is an event organized and promoted by an individual, group or organization. The organizers act independently but with the Okanagan College Foundation's knowledge, approval, and in certain instances, direct support.

THIRD-PARTY TOOLKIT

This Third-Party Toolkit provides you with a step-by-step guide on how to organize an event to support the transformative power of education.

It is organized into three sections; what to think about before, during, and after your event.

It also contains:



GET IN TOUCH!

If you have an idea and would like some input on the best way to proceed, please see Appendix A and read our Policy Statement before moving on to Appendix B, the Event Request Form. You can also contact us at foundation@okanagan.bc.ca. Our team is happy to discuss your idea and help you find ways to make it a success.

MAKING A PLAN

Once you have an event overview it's time to create a detailed plan. Please consider the following guideline:

CHOOSING A VENUE

Depending on your event, you may need to rent a space. You can find rental options by visiting sites like [Tourism Kelowna](#) or [Eventective](#).

VOLUNTEERS

Do you need volunteers to help organize and run the event? Decide what needs to be done to achieve success and start recruiting your friends, family and colleagues to fill those positions.

BUDGET AND FUNDRAISING GOAL

One of the most important aspects of a fundraiser is setting a fundraising goal and planning for how you hope to achieve it.

You will also need to factor in any expenses you might incur from the event. The Okanagan College Foundation is not liable for event expenses.

Below are some of the main things you may need to consider:

- Cash Sheet
- Financial Summary

LICENSES AND INSURANCE

Depending on the nature of your event and the way you are planning to raise funds, some licenses may be required.

Gaming Activities: Any gaming activities (e.g. ticket raffles, poker, bingo, casinos, etc.) require a license.

- All gaming funds raised by a community fundraising group must be donated to an eligible organization.
- Each application from a community fundraising group (i.e. you) must have an accompanying letter from the eligible recipient organization (i.e. Okanagan College Foundation) that acknowledges the event, agrees to accept the proceeds and agrees to use them for eligible purposes.
- Community fundraising groups may apply for a Class B ticket raffle only (gross revenue of \$20,000 or less).
- All gaming funds must be identified as such in your reporting back to the Okanagan College Foundation.
- For more information or to apply: click [Gaming License](#).

Special Event Permit (SEP):

- If you want to serve or sell liquor in a public space that is not licensed, click [Special Event Permit](#)

Other common licenses and permits required for events include Outdoor Event Permits for City-owned properties, Temporary Food Service Permits from Interior Health, and SOCAN Licenses for publicly played music.

For further details you should check with City, Police, Liquor Control & Licensing Branch and Gaming Policy & Enforcement Branch.

Okanagan College Foundation's special/sporting event insurance policy does not extend to this event. Third-party organizers are required to arrange for appropriate insurance coverage for the event. The event organizer accepts responsibility for claims that may arise because of the event.



OFFERING TAX RECEIPTS

Okanagan College Foundation is a registered charity and can issue official donation receipts to donors for gifts, in line with the Income Tax Act and Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) guidelines.

Donors to your event are only eligible for tax receipts if they donate directly to the Okanagan College Foundation. For example, eligible donations include:

- Any kind of donation that goes directly to the Foundation. This includes cheques made to the Foundation, online donations to the Okanagan College Foundation and cash. For cash donations that require a receipt, please see Appendix C and the Pledge Form.

The following are not eligible for charitable tax receipts under CRA guidelines:

- Payment of an event fee or ticket entry/admission to an event.
- Purchase of a raffle ticket or other chance to win a prize, including amount paid for silent auction prizes.
- Purchase of merchandise, goods or services.
- Donations provided in exchange for advertising/sponsorship.
- Gift certificates donated by the issuer.

For more information please visit [Charities and Giving](#).

Below is a more detailed list of what qualifies for a tax receipt:

Cheques - Donors to your event are only eligible for tax receipts if they donate directly to the Okanagan College Foundation (e.g. cheques written to 'Okanagan College Foundation'). We will make sure these donations are designated to the program or campaign that your fundraising event is supporting.

Cash - can be collected by you, deposited and exchanged for a bank cheque made payable to Okanagan College Foundation. You can drop off or mail the cheque to:

Okanagan College Foundation
1000 KLO Road
Kelowna, BC V1Y 4X8

IMPORTANT: If you are collecting donations by cash or cheque and wish to receive tax receipts for your donors, be sure to record:

- The donor's first and last name.
- Their home address.
- Their method of donation (cash or cheque).
- Please make cheques payable to the Okanagan College Foundation.
- The amount of their donation.

In order to be issued a charitable tax receipt, the gift must be submitted to the Okanagan College Foundation office within 30 days of your event.

Donations of less than \$20 will not be receipted.

Online - Online donations from your direct fundraising page will automatically receive tax receipts.

Event organizers must submit all donations within 30 days of their event and cheques made payable to the Okanagan College Foundation.

If you have any questions regarding what does or does not qualify for a charitable tax receipt, or how best to manage your event finances, please do not hesitate to ask one of the Okanagan College Foundation staff. Email us at foundation@okanagan.bc.ca.



PROMOTE YOUR EVENT

Now that you have a plan, it's time to let your friends, network and community know about it. Okanagan College Foundation has an account with Trellis, which can create an independent fundraising page for you. Contact the Foundation for more details.

You can share this page with your network and ask them to attend or donate to your fundraiser.

To promote your event, you can also consider:

- Sharing your event with the media.
- Posting your event on online community calendars (Castanet, Kelowna Now).
- Putting up posters at coffee shops and other spots in town.

For more information on use of logos and logo files, please visit [Logo Downloads](#)

Section 2 - On the day

Below are some other things you will want to consider during your event:

- Assign someone you trust to be responsible for handling the donations.
- Have a Pledge Form available for donors.
- During your event, assign volunteers to tasks you feel they are best suited for.
- Take pictures - remember to use a Photo Release form.

Section 3 - After your event



Appendices

APPENDIX A – POLICY STATEMENT

- Please read through before completing the Event Request form.

APPENDIX B – EVENT REQUEST

- To be completed for all events prior to promoting the event.

APPENDIX C – PLEDGE FORM

- To be completed when used within 30 days of the event.

APPENDIX D – PHOTO RELEASE FORM

Thank you for making a difference in our students lives!

If you have any questions please contact:

foundation@okanagan.bc.ca | 250-862-5630 | 1-888-650-6968

Appendix A

Policy Statement

Third-party events that are related to the Okanagan College Foundation are an important component of Okanagan College's fundraising strategy. These events allow supporters, staff and students of Okanagan College to raise vital funds to support the transformative power of education. These events also help raise the profile of Okanagan College and the Okanagan College Foundation in the community. As such, it is important that the events reflect well on both the College and Foundation's reputations and that all parties are aware of their responsibilities by adhering to the following:

4. Event expenses, revenues and tax receipts

- Event expenses may not be paid from tax-receiptable donations.
- No cost or liability associated with this event shall be incurred by the Okanagan College Foundation.
- The Okanagan College Foundation issues official income tax receipts in accordance with Canada Revenue Agency guidelines.
- The final decision to issue official tax receipts rests with the Okanagan College Foundation.
- All donations requiring a tax receipt must be received in full by the Okanagan College Foundation within 30 days of the event.

5. Okanagan College Foundation does not approve the following types of fundraising as part of third-party events:

- Commission based fundraising
- Events which promote the use of tobacco or vaping products
- Vending machine sales
- Soliciting funds door-to-door, through telemarketing, or through non-foundation internet methods

6. Licenses, permits and insurance

- The third-party event organizer is responsible for meeting all municipal/provincial or federal standards and fulfill all legal authorization(s), permit(s), license(s), precaution(s).
- Third-party event organizers are required to arrange for appropriate insurance coverage for the event. By accepting the terms and conditions set forth in this application, the event organizer(s) clearly understand that they are accepting responsibility for claims that may arise as a result of the event.

7. Representatives from the Okanagan College Foundation will receive complimentary tickets or admission when invited to attend and/or speak at a third-party event.

8. Privacy / Ability to Contact Donors and/or Event Attendees

The Okanagan College Foundation may collect information to contact donors and/or attendees to third-party events to provide feedback on events, ensure appropriate giftnor

Appendix B

Third-Party Event Request

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Okanagan College Foundation. If you, or your organization, wish to host a special event or program to benefit the Okanagan College Foundation, we request you complete this proposal and submit to the Foundation for approval. Once the event has been officially approved, a signed copy of the attached agreement form will be forwarded to the applicant. If you have any questions concerning this application or the agreement, please contact the Foundation team at foundation@okanagan.bc.ca

NOTE: Application must be approved by the Okanagan College Foundation prior to publicizing or holding event.

Contact Information:

Name of sponsor/sponsor organization planning the event:

Please select the category that best describes you:

Event Information:

Name of Event: _____

Type of Event:

One-Time

Annual

Ongoing

Date of Event: _____

Location of Event: _____

Date contribution to the Okanagan College Foundation is expected: _____

Target Market:

Family/Friends

Members

Customers

General Public

Event Details:

Briefly describe the event and how the funds will be raised (if you have done a similar event for the Okanagan College Foundation in the past, it is not necessary to complete this section).



Support Provided by the Okanagan College Foundation:

Please indicate if you require any of the following promotional tools from the Foundation.

Event listed on Okanagan College Foundation website (based on space and lead time)

Promotion to Okanagan College employees

Banner (pop-up stand)

Representation or a speaker at the event

Social media promotion

Press Release (assist)

*Please provide a short promotional description - including contact details, event location, dates, and times. For us to fulfill your request for support, a minimum of two weeks' notice prior to the start of your event/campaign is recommended.

Public Relations Information:

Briefly describe the proposed publicity plan for the event/program.

Will the publicity be handled by a professional agency? Yes No

If yes, please name the agency: _____

Will promotional materials, such as flyers and posters, be printed? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the extent of distribution and dates of release: _____

Does your organization plan on using the name of the
Okanagan College Foundation in your printed materials and in your publicity? Yes No

Please note: All materials featuring the name of the Okanagan College Foundation must be approved by the Foundation before publication.

Third-party Event Policies

Third-party Events are a very important component of the fundraising activities of the Okanagan College Foundation. Beyond the funds raised, these events create awareness about the College and bring new support to the Foundation.

W o n l i c i t y u p l s a n d a c c o n d s O k 2 e g d a n c e w t h t o r

Appendix C

Pledge Form

Fundraiser Information

Name of Fundraising Event

Date: _____

Contact: _____

Donor Information

- Donor's name and address must be complete to receive a tax receipt
- Charitable tax receipts will be issued for any gift of \$20 or greater
- Please make cheques payable to Okanagan College Foundation
- Charitable Registration #

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| <p>First Name _____ Last Name _____</p> <p>This gift is Personal Corporate _____ Business Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> | |
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