

Frequently Asked Questions



What is the Heritage Foundation?

Forward-looking CattleWomen created the California CattleWomen Heritage Foundation to receive grants and donations for scholarships, education, beef promotion or other designated uses. They established the Foundation as a 501(c)3 corporation under the auspices of CCW. Thank you, Pat Brazil, June Kester, Carol Klausen, Shirley Wheeler, LadyBug Dougherty, Terry Woods and Nadette Ott!

Should my County Unit send funds to the Heritage Foundation?

The Foundation provides a means for the County Units to give the charitable deduction benefit to all their donors, whether individuals, businesses or sponsors. Just have the donor make their check payable to "California CattleWomen Heritage Foundation" and designate it for your scholarship fund, Ag in the Classroom activity, disaster relief, or other account. You control the funds (see below).

County Units that are registered as a 501(c)5 organizations for marketing and education purposes have their donations tax deductible for the donor as a business expense but not a charitable deduction.

How is the Heritage Foundation administration funded?

Our "Feed the Cow with Moooolah" activity at various events brings in cash donations. In addition, County Units may voluntarily contribute to the administration of the Foundation. No Board members, general members, or others receive salary or compensation of any kind, including travel or expenses. We are all volunteers. We use the administration funds primarily for printing and postage.

What happens to the funds once our County Unit makes a deposit to the Foundation?

When a County Unit makes a deposit to the Foundation, most create a "Designated Fund" which tells how the funds will be used: for example, Tulare County has a Fund called "Wow That Cow Mobile App." That Unit and any others may donate to that particular project. Tulare withdraws funds for that project, but no one else can do so for any other purpose. The funds can only be used by that County for that project. Another County may have a Scholarship Fund, or Beef Education Fund, or Feed the Homeless with Beef Fund. Think of the Foundation as a Bank; you have an account and simply make deposits and withdrawals.

Does our County Unit earn interest on our Heritage funds?

The goal in providing a safe, tax-deductible charitable vehicle for our County Units to pay for their beef education, promotion and scholarship work does not include investment opportunities. Counties wishing to create investment income should consult an investment professional.

Where can we get additional information?

Go to www.cattlewomen.org and click on Heritage Foundation for more details. You will also find a detailed brochure, letters and forms for memorial, scholarship, and general donations. Or you can call any of the CCW Heritage Foundation Board Members listed below. Contact information is listed on the website as well.

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