

## What types of charitable and religious organizations are eligible?

In order to be eligible to receive a lottery license, an organization must have charitable or religious objects that fall within one of the four categories:

- a) The Relief of Poverty;
- b) The Advancement of Religion;
- c) The Advancement of Education;
- d) Other Charitable Purposes Beneficial to the Community

### (a) **The Relief of Poverty**

Organizations applying for a lottery license under this classification must prove that its programs and services assist those who are in financial need, distressed, suffering or experiencing social disadvantage, such as:

- The homeless
- Disabled Persons
- Victims of Crime
- The sick and dying

Examples of organizations that may be eligible:

- Food Banks
- Homeless Shelters
- Organizations that offer meal programs

### (b) **The Advancement of Religion**

Organizations applying for a lottery license under this classification must prove that its programs and services assist in the delivery of religious services and programs to the community including support of the destitute and sick, and interpreted to include the provision and maintenance of places of public worship. The activities must serve religious purposes for the public good in order to be considered charitable. Other activities that may be considered to advance religion include:

- Organizing and providing religious services and guidance;
- Performing pastoral and missionary work for residents of Ontario; and
- Establishing and maintaining buildings for worship and other religious use.

Examples of organizations that may be eligible:

- Churches
- Missionary Organizations
- Synagogues

(c) **The Advancement of Education**

Organizations applying for a lottery license under this classification must prove that its programs and services are geared toward scholastic or vocational training for individuals and that it will lead to a recognized diploma, degree or certificate.

Proceeds under this category cannot be used to fund core programs or services.

Education that forms part of the professional development of a person or group of people, such as training courses for teachers, lawyers, nurses, etc. are not an acceptable use of funds for educational purposes.

An organization that provides any type of program or curriculum that promotes racism, intolerance or violence is not eligible for lottery licensing.

Parent/teacher associations may be eligible for lottery licensing provided that they support the type of school that is eligible and are properly established as a charitable organization or non profit organization that has charitable objects. However, the school and its parent/teacher association may not both hold lottery licenses as only one related eligible organization may be licensed at any one time.

**Note:** The applicant organization must be the parent entity, i.e. the school itself and not a class or department within the school.

Examples of organizations that may be eligible:

- Elementary and secondary public and Roman Catholic Schools that are recognized by the Ministry of Education;
- Accredited colleges and universities;
- Scholarship or Bursary Funds registered with Revenue Canada as a charitable organization.

(d) **Other Charitable Purposes Beneficial to the Community**

Organizations applying for a lottery license under this classification must prove that the organization's activities provide a public benefit to a significant portion of the public and the proposed use of proceeds are consistent with the organizations mandate. Also, the organization must operate on a not-for profit basis and its purposes must include charitable or religious objects. An eligible organization may also have objects that are not charitable but those objects or purposes must be ancillary to the main charitable object.

Eligible organizations include those with mandates in:

- Culture and the arts;

- Health and welfare
- Amateur sports organizations
- Enhancement of youth
- Enhancement of public safety
  
- Community service organizations (service clubs)

Examples of organizations that may be eligible:

- Theatre groups
- Hospitals
- 4-H Clubs, Boy Scouts
- Lions Club