



NIU Foundation Donor Bill of Rights

The staff and volunteers of the NIU Foundation adhere to the Donor Bill of Rights, developed by the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel (AAFRC), Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP), the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP). The following is inclusive of the original tenets but enhanced by the NIU Foundation*.

Philanthropy is based on voluntary action for the common good. To assure that philanthropy merits the trust of donors, prospective donors, the constituents which philanthropy benefits, and the community at-large, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the Foundation and its mission, we declare that all donors have the following rights:

1. To be informed of the Foundation's mission.
2. To be informed of the identity of those serving on the Foundation's Board of Directors and to expect the board utilize prudent judgment in its fiduciary and governance responsibilities.
3. To have access to the Foundation's financial statements.
4. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
5. To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition for their gifts.
6. To be assured that their donation information is handled with discretion and confidentiality as required by Foundation policy and to the extent provided by law.
7. To expect that all relationships held between the Foundation and donors, whether they be individuals or representatives of organizations, as well as all other stakeholders, adhere to professional standards and expectations.
8. To be informed of instances in which those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the Foundation or hired solicitors.
9. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that the Foundation may intend to distribute.
10. To be assured and confident all responses to inquiries related to making a contribution are adequately satisfied, are truthful and forthright.

*The original Donor Bill of Rights can be accessed here: <https://afpglobal.org/donor-bill-rights>