

Donating to ASSiST

Advancing STEM for Students in South Texas

Thank you for considering a donation to ASSiST. The following sections are copied from the Bylaws which were approved on 1-15-16.

Section 1.4 – Mission Statement.

“To empower students of all ages to collaboratively explore, learn, and lead using science, technology, engineering, and math.”

Section 1.5 – Purpose.

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) ... In furtherance of the foregoing purposes, the Corporation shall:

- Promote involvement in science, technology, engineering, math, computer, and robotics.
- Promote and support involvement in robotics-based competitions such as, but not limited to, those sponsored by *FIRST* Foundation (<http://www.usfirst.org>).
- Provide a positive, structured environment to meet and work with professional mentors.
- Provide technology and science education to students to improve their ability to enter the workforce upon graduation.

On 9-30-15, ASSiST filed a Certificate of Formation with the TX Office of the Secretary of State for a domestic nonprofit corporation (file # 802303551). On Jun. 17, 2016, ASSiST received IRS 501c3 approval meaning donors can deduct contributions they make under IRC Section 170. According to IRS, ASSiST is also “qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gift under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522.” On 9-02-16, ASSiST received Texas state tax exemption includes a sales tax exemption for certain qualified purchases.

To make a donation to ASSiST, please provide the following information:

- Name of person or organization that is making the donation,
- Mailing address
- Email or phone number
- A description of the donation.
 - Checks can be made out to Advancing STEM for Students in South Texas.
 - If the donation is other than cash or check, please state the nature of the donation and give an estimated cash value.
- If the donation is intended for a particular team or group that is a member of ASSiST, please specify the team or group and your contact (ie: team coach). *(Please note that ASSiST's intent is to provide the full amount of your donation to the team or group you designate. As long as ASSiST's tax exempt status for both federal and state taxes is current, we should have minimal overhead expenses and therefore be able to regrant the full amount of the donation to the designated teams. Please also note that ASSiST cannot accept donations on behalf of a team/group that is not a member of ASSiST.)*
- If the donation is not intended for a particular team, the ASSiST Board of Directors will decide how the funds will be spent which could include general ASSiST projects or distributing to the member teams as appropriate.

All communications may be mailed to the mailing address listed below. Thank you for supporting ASSiST as we “ASSiST” students to grow in their STEM knowledge and prepare for a bright future.

Sincerely,

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