

AMERICAN RED CROSS CODE OF CONDUCT

Introduction

The American Red Cross is a charitable not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing service to those in need. The American Red Cross has traditionally demanded and received the highest ethical performance from its volunteers and paid staff. In an effort to maintain the high standard of conduct expected and deserved by the American public and to enable the organization to continue to offer services required by those in need, the American Red Cross operates under the following Code of Conduct, applicable to all paid and volunteer staff.

Code of Conduct

No paid or volunteer staff member shall:

- a. Authorize the use of or use for the benefit or advantage of any person, the name, Emblem, endorsement, services or property of the American Red Cross.
- b. Accept or seek, on behalf of himself or any other person, any financial advantage or gain of other than nominal value which may be offered as a result of the volunteer's or paid staff's affiliation with the American Red Cross.
- c. Publicly utilize any American Red Cross affiliation in connection with the promotion of partisan politics, religious matters, or positions on any issue not in conformity with the official position of the American Red Cross.
- d. Disclose any confidential American Red Cross information that is available solely as a result of the volunteer's or paid staff member's affiliation with the American Red Cross to any person not authorized to receive such information, or use to the disadvantage of the American Red Cross any such confidential information, without the express authorization of the American Red Cross.
- e. Knowingly take any action or make any statement intended to influence the conduct of the American Red Cross in such a way as to confer any financial benefit on any person, corporation or entity in which the individual has a significant interest or affiliation.
- f. Operate or act in any manner that is contrary to the best interests of the American Red Cross.

In the event that the volunteer's or paid staff's obligation to operate in the best interests of the American Red Cross conflicts with the interests of any organization in which the individual has a financial interest or affiliation, the individual shall disclose such conflict to the American Red Cross upon becoming aware of it, shall absent himself or herself from the room during deliberations on the matter, and shall refrain from participating in any decisions or voting in connection with the matter.

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CERTIFICATION

I, _____ certify that I have read and understand the Code of Conduct of the American Red Cross and agree to comply with it. I affirm that, except as listed below, I have no financial interest or affiliation with any organization that may have interests that conflict with, or appear to conflict with the best interests of the American Red Cross. Should such conflicts or apparent conflicts of interest arise in connection with the affiliations listed below, I agree to refrain from participating in any deliberations, decisions or voting related to the matter.

I also agree, during the term of my affiliation with the American Red Cross, to report promptly to the chairman of my unit, or his/her designee, any future situation that involves, or might appear to involve, me in any conflict with the best interests of the American Red Cross.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____