

Donations Policy

- A. The National Security Institute at George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School ("NSI") solicits and accepts gifts that are consistent with its mission and that support its core programs, as well as special projects.
- B. Donations and other forms of support—directed to NSI through the George Mason University Foundation ("GMUF")—will generally be accepted from individuals, partnerships, corporations, foundations, government agencies, or other entities, subject to the following limitations:
1. NSI will not accept gifts that:
 - would result in NSI violating its charter or being unable to fulfill its core mission;
 - would result in NSI, the Law School, GMU or GMUF losing their respective status as an IRC § 501(c)(3) or other 501(c) not-for-profit organization;
 - are too difficult or too expensive to administer in relation to their value;
 - would result in any unacceptable consequences for NSI, including having any measure of influence whatsoever on NSI's policy positions; or
 - are for purposes outside NSI's mission.
- C. In the course of its regular fundraising activities, NSI will accept donations of money, real property, personal property, stock, and in-kind services.
- D. Certain types of gifts must be reviewed prior to acceptance due to the special liabilities they may pose for NSI. Examples of gifts which will be subject to review include gifts of real property, gifts of personal property, and gifts of securities.
- E. When considering whether to solicit or accept gifts, the organization will consider the following factors:
1. Whether the acceptance of the gift compromises any of the core values of NSI.
 2. Whether there is compatibility between the intent of the donor and NSI's use of the gift.
 3. Whether acceptance of the gift would affect the reputation of NSI.
 4. Whether the primary benefit is to NSI and its mission, versus to the benefit of the donor.
 5. Whether acceptance of the gift consistent with prior practice.
 6. Whether the gift offered in a form that NSI can use without incurring substantial expense or difficulty.

7. Whether the gift will encourage or discourage future gifts.
- F. F. All decisions to solicit or accept potentially controversial gifts will be made by the Founder in consultation with the Executive Director, the Executive Committee of the Advisory Board and the Dean of the Law School, as appropriate. The primary consideration in evaluation of a particular gift will be the overall impact of the gift on the organization.