



Relevant Contribution Limits and Restrictions

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A person is defined to mean any individual, corporation, partnership, business trust or limited liability company.

In any 4-year cycle, a person can give up to \$4,000.00 to any one political committee, and no more than \$10,000.00 total to all political committees.

The current four-year cycle is: 1/1/2011 to 12/31/2014

Next four year cycle is: 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2019

Therefore, as an example, if John Doe contributes \$4,000.00 to Cecil Business Leaders for Better Government PAC on April 3, 2011, he cannot make any more contributions to Cecil Business Leaders for Better Government PAC until the next four-year cycle begins, i.e. 1/1/2015. John Doe can still contribute, up to the \$10,000.00 limit, to other political committees. However, once John Doe has contributed a total of \$10,000.00, he cannot make any more contributions until the next four-year cycle.

Contributions may be made by cash, check, credit card, or in-kind contributions.

In kind contributions include items, services, goods or anything of value. The amount of an in-kind contribution is the fair market value at the time of the contribution.

All contributions made by a person count toward the limit totals outlined above.

A person may make cash contributions of up to \$100.00 in a four year cycle.

Any contributions over that amount must be made by check, credit card, or in-kind contributions.

Persons contributing over \$51.00 will be provided a receipt, and a receipt will be provided upon the request of a contributor.

Exceptions:

Administrative Contribution: (page 37)

An administrative contribution earmarked as such, is not subject to the \$4,000 limit and does not count towards the contributor's aggregate contribution limit

Administrative funds can only be used for non-campaign related expenses such as:

Salaries including part-time employees
Office equipment and supplies
Cell phones, blackberries for staff
Maintenance of a voter file
Voter registration activity

Generic Issue polling
Rent utilities building maintenance
Bank charges and accounting fees
Legal fees for litigation arising
from campaign activities