

# Rules Regarding Tax Deductible Donation of a Horse

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Donating your horse to a college program can get you a tax deduction.

Donation can be a good way to find a home for a horse that will provide quality care if a sale is not possible. Tax-deductible donations can be made to non-profit organizations.

## **Fair Market Value**

1. Your horse's fair market value is the price the horse would sell for if you sold the horse instead of donating. This is not necessarily the price you paid for the horse.

## **Appraisals**

2. Many of the non-profit organizations that accept donated horses leave decisions on the horse's fair market value up to the donor. If you believe your horse is worth \$5,000 or more, consult a certified appraiser to determine the exact value. Two appraisals is best.

## **Preparation**

3. Work with an accountant when trying to deduct your horse's donation from your taxes, and be certain that the Internal Revenue Service considers the program you want to donate to a non-profit organization. You will also need to complete an IRS Form 8283 for any horse with a fair market value of \$500 or more.