**2026 PAPER PLEDGE CARD INSTRUCTIONS**

Some agencies will be provided with pre-printed pledge cards for their agency employees (as of July 24th) along with a number of blank pledge cards for any new employees. There is also a fillable PDF option for all agencies.

**GENERAL PLEDGE CARD INFORMATION**

* If an employee selects that they will pledge online through ESS or that they do not wish to give, you do not need to submit that pledge card to the MSECC office. Those pledge cards may be recycled.
* **Pledge cards are pre-printed with**:the region where the employee works, barcode employee ID #, employee name, 3-digit agency code, organization description, and reporting organization number.
* **DO NOT CROSS OUT THE BARCODE** on a pre-printed pledge card and use it for a different employee. The electronic scanner will still pick up the barcode that is associated with the employee’s name on the card. Please use a BLANK pledge card (see **Blank Pledge Cards** below).
* **Employees will complete:** a preferred e-mail address, method of contribution, charity codes and contribution amounts. Employees electing to contribute by payroll deduction must also sign and date their pledge cards. A continuous pledge option is available, so employees donating via payroll deduction must choose whether they wish their payroll deduction to follow the calendar year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31), or roll over from year to year.
* **Century Club:** Employees may choose to be recognized for making a contribution of $120 or more annually (Century Club Plus) and can authorize the release of their name, home address and donation amount to their recipient charity by checking the appropriate boxes on the pledge card.
* **Charity Codes**
* 4-Digit Charity Codes may be obtained from the MSECC website: [www.msecc.mo.gov](http://www.msecc.mo.gov).
* Employees may designate donations to up to eight charities per pledge card. Employees wishing to donate to additional charities may add a **blank** pledge card and attach it to their preprinted pledge car

**PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS AND CHECKS CANNOT BE ON SAME PLEDGE CARD**. Please complete a blank pledge card for their check and attach it to the payroll deduction pledge card.

**BLANK PLEDGE CARDS ARE FOR: Employees not participating online and department fundraiser events.**

1. **Employees who do not wish to participate online** will need to complete a blank pledge card. Please ensure pledge cards have the following information:
   * Last 4 digits of their SSN (printed in the employee ID field)
   * Name
   * Preferred e-mail address
   * 3-digit agency code
   * Charity code(s) and donation amount(s)
2. **Fundraisers (Silent auctions, bake sales, jean days etc.)**
   * Using a blank pledge card, enter region your office is located in
   * No employee ID/SSN is needed
   * Name – please state the event title (silent auction, bake sale)
   * 3-digit agency code
   * Charity code(s) and donation amount(s)

**SEPARATE PLEDGE CARDS**

* **WHITE** (original) goes to the **MSECC office** (or to departmentcoordinator)
* **YELLOW** copy is retained by **employee**

**VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF PLEDGE CARDS**

* Verify accuracy of donations by checking multiplication, addition, and totals
* **BE CAREFUL when correcting/changing totals on pledge cards**: EXAMPLE: an employee specifies $1.00 in the pay period amount X 24 but they carry the annual amount over as $12.00. Do not assume they want to pledge $24.00. Please return the pledge card to the employee for correction and have them initial the change.
* Minimum .50 per pay period to each charity designated
* Payroll Deduction **OR** Check/Money Order Attached
* **NOTE:** **Do not include** payroll deductions **AND** check/MO on the same pledge card.
* Payroll deductions **must** be signed and dated by employee

**CASH**

* **Please do not send cash** to your Department Coordinator or MSECC.
* Convert cash to a check or money order
* **An individual check is NOT needed for each pledge card**.
* **EXAMPLE**: If there are 10 employees with a cash donation, you may write **ONE check** – simply paper clip the white copy of the 10 pledge cards and ONE check together. Verify that the total of the 10 pledge cards equal the check that is being sent.

**CHECKS**

* Please do not separate checks from pledge cards.
* **Paper clip** checks or money orders to the original white copy of the pledge card*.*
* An individual check is NOT needed for each pledge card.
* **Send pledge cards with checks to the MSECC on a weekly basis**.

**BATCH PLEDGE CARDS**

* Fill out a batch report for each group of 50 or less pledge cards.
* Specify the number of contributors for payroll deductions/total $ amount and number of contributors for checks/total $ amount for each batch report.
* Total the payroll deductions and the check/money order amounts and include an adding machine tape with each batch.
* Multiple batches can be sent in the same envelope.
* Submit batches to your Department Coordinator or the MSECC on a weekly basis.

If you need further information or assistance, please contact the statewide MSECC Manager at 573-751-5076 or [MSECC@oa.mo.gov](mailto:MSECC@oa.mo.gov)

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