

Frequently Asked Questions on Cryptocurrency Appraisals

- 1. Does the transfer/gift have to take place before an appraisal can be completed?** Yes. While the tax code says that a qualified appraisal can be completed as early as 60 days prior to a property gift, our cryptocurrency approach uses the high/low prices for the date of the gift to create an average daily price from the top three exchanges by volume.
- 2. How much do the appraisals cost? PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SEE SECOND PAGE FOR DETAILS AND EXAMPLES.** For donations of \$500,000 or GREATER, the fee is \$800 for the first donation and \$400 for each additional donation. For donations LESS than \$500,000, the fee is \$150 for the first appraisal and \$75 for each additional donation to the same charity made in the same taxable year. A customized fee will apply if the token is very esoteric (outside the largest 50 by market value on Coinmarketcap.com) or the donation represents more than 2% of the daily volume which may require a blockage valuation discount.
- 3. Do I have to pay before the appraisal is released?** Yes. Having done this for 10 years, I quickly discovered that I was spending more time trying to collect payment than actually doing the appraisals. Past donors were all well-intentioned, but various circumstances arise that require multiple follow up efforts – hence, the new policy. We accept payment via Zelle or PayPal.
- 4. When you complete the appraisal, what does it include and where is it mailed?** The completed appraisal will include the original, signed appraisal, a Form 8283 with a completed Appraisers Section and a bio to conform to the qualified appraisal rules. The donor will mail the “kit” to the Donee Charity so they can complete their section of the Form 8283, (make any copies needed for audit purposes) and then they are to mail the completed original “kit” back to the donor. I provide detailed step-by-step instructions for both the Donor and Charity.
- 5. Are there any articles that might be helpful for me to read about any Cryptocurrency tax or legal issues?** Yes, this article, [“Charitable Gifts of Bitcoin: Tax, Appraisal, Legal and Processing Considerations,”](#) provides additional information on the technical aspects of these donations.
- 6. Are you a Qualified Appraiser?** There is not a definitive answer to this question as the IRS requires a qualified appraiser to complete the appraisal, however, no one is able to meet the strict definitions for virtual currency. The IRS requirement states:
A qualified appraiser is an individual with verifiable education and experience in valuing the type of property for which the appraisal is performed.
The individual:
 - a. Has earned an appraisal designation from a generally recognized professional appraiser organization, or*
 - b. Has met certain minimum education requirements and two or more years of experience. To meet the minimum education requirement, you must have successfully completed professional or college-level coursework obtained from:*
 - i. A professional or college-level educational organization,*
 - ii. A professional trade or appraiser organization that regularly offers educational programs in valuing the type of property, or*
 - iii. An employer as part of an employee apprenticeship or education program similar to professional or college-level courses.*
 - c. The individual regularly prepares appraisals for which he or she is paid.*
 - d. The individual is not an [excluded individual](#).*

There is neither a degree nor appraisal designation which specifically applies to cryptocurrency. I have earned two master’s degrees (Financial Services as well as Risk Management and Insurance) and a Ph.D. in Retirement and Financial Planning (charitable giving dissertation). In addition to more than 500 cryptocurrency appraisals, I have appraised thousands of life insurance donations over the last decade which are also intangible personal property gifts.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. Online with credit card via PayPal (**please** include donor name in the memo) <https://www.paypal.me/CharitableSolutions>
2. Use Zelle® from your bank with bryan@charitablesolutionsllc.com. Make sure to include donor name in “reason” field.

Virtual Currency Appraisal Pricing Policy (please read carefully)

Multi-Appraisal Discount Eligibility

Our discounted pricing for multiple appraisals applies ONLY when:

- Donations are made to the **same charity**,
- Appraisal information is **submitted at the same time**.
- **Same-day donations to the same charity** = one appraisal
- **Donations on different days** = separate appraisals
- **Donations to different charities** = separate appraisals

Examples

1. Same-day donations + test transactions

If you donate twice and also have three test transactions all on the same day, that counts as one appraisal.

(If the test transactions are on different dates, they would require additional appraisals, though the added tax deduction may not be worth the extra fee.)

2. Different charities, same day

One donation to Charity A and one to Charity B on the same day = two separate appraisals, no discount.

3. Monthly donations submitted one by one

Twelve monthly donations submitted separately = 12 appraisals, no discount.

4. Monthly donations submitted all at once

Twelve donations made across the year, but submitted together = 12 appraisals, and eligible for the multi-appraisal discount.

Tips to Reduce Appraisal Costs

- **Bundle submissions:** Submit ALL your crypto donations at once (e.g., in January for the prior year) to qualify for the discount.
- **Skip low-value test appraisals:** If your test transactions are on different dates, they count as separate appraisals. Exclude them if the tax deduction is minimal.
- **Avoid date-splitting large gifts:** Splitting a large donation across multiple days increases appraisal fees. Consider consolidating into fewer, larger transactions.

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