## **Raffle Policy**

The following rules apply to Chapters within the state of Texas, as determined by Texas state law. Chapters outside of Texas will need to consult their state's rules governing raffles held by charitable organizations before proceeding with a raffle.

- A Chapter may not have more than two raffles in any given calendar year. The calendar year begins January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends December 31<sup>st</sup>, as defined by the State of Texas.
- A Chapter can only sell tickets to one raffle at a time. If the Chapter is offering two raffles, then they cannot sell the two tickets during the same time period.
- The Chapter must set a date in advance on when the prize will awarded. If the Chapter becomes unable to award the prize on that date, then they must set another date to award the prize within 30 days of the original date. If the Chapter fails to do so, then they must refund or offer to refund the amount paid by each person who purchased a raffle ticket.
- All proceeds from the sale of tickets for a raffle must be used for the charitable purposes of the organization.
- The following restrictions are in place for the promotion of the raffle and ticket sales:
  - The Chapter cannot, through the use of paid advertising, promote a raffle through a medium of mass communication, including television, radio or newspaper.
  - The Chapter cannot promote or advertise a raffle statewide.
  - The Chapter cannot sell or offer to sell raffle tickets statewide.
- The following information must be printed on each raffle ticket sold or offered for sale (this applies to raffle tickets sold in advance of an event):
  - The name of the Chapter conducting the raffle
  - The address of the Chapter or of a named officer of the Chapter
  - The ticket price
  - A general description of each prize having a value of more than \$100 to be awarded in the raffle
  - The date on which the raffle prize or prizes will be awarded
- A raffle prize may not be money.

This is only a snapshot of the rules governing raffles conducted by charitable organizations within the state of Texas. If you have specific questions, please contact the Texas Exes Staff.

Click here for the Texas Raffle Rules and Guidelines: <u>https://www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/raffle.shtml</u>

\*Any Chapter that has been in existence for at least 3 preceding years is considered a qualified organization for raffles in the state of Texas.