

Wycliffe USA Matching Gifts Program

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Matching Gifts Program?

A matching gifts program is a benefit many companies offer in which the company matches the contributions of their full-time employees to certain types of charitable organizations. This benefit may also be available to retired employees, part-time employees and board members. Over a thousand companies have matching gifts programs, most commonly with a match ratio of one to one.

What is the procedure?

Typically, the employee gives a gift and obtains a matching gift application from their employer (either online or in paper form) and completes it. Wycliffe certifies that the gift has been received. There are variations for the verification of matching gifts—some of which involve dedicated websites.

How long does it take for the match to happen?

Matching funds should not be expected promptly. Companies make matching gift payments on their own schedule and according to their own criteria. Some companies issue matching gifts monthly, quarterly or annually. Therefore, a matched gift may be preferenced for a project or missionary ministry account at any time throughout the year, depending on each company's matching gift distribution guidelines.

How far after the fact can requests for matching funds be made?

That depends on the company. Some employers allow requests as far as a year after a gift. Some companies may allow only a month or two. Each company establishes its own rules and cycle for matching gifts. Partners should check with their company as soon as possible.

Will all companies match gifts made to Wycliffe?

Educational and humanitarian charitable organizations receive matching gifts frequently; organizations with a religious mission receive them a bit less commonly. Some companies that will not match gifts made to Wycliffe, will match gifts made to SIL. However, there are other stipulations before Wycliffe can process a matching gift on behalf of SIL. To determine if a gift can be processed on behalf of SIL, email matching_gifts@sil.org.

Will the company match be preferenced the same way as the gift?

The company match is often processed with the same preference as the original gift. However, the employee might provide another preference for the match, or the company might choose a different preference. In addition to missionary ministries, partners may preference a gift for specific projects or to funds such as the Worldwide Projects Fund, or to a fund called Literacy & Development.

What are the tax ID numbers (TIN)?

Wycliffe's TIN is 95-1831097. SIL's TIN is 75-1840827.

What are appropriate addresses to use for corporate matching gift activity?

Wycliffe Bible Translators
Attn: Corporate Matching Gifts/Finance
PO Box 628200
Orlando, FL 32862-8200

SIL International
Attn: Corporate Matching Gifts/Finance
PO Box 620122
Orlando, FL 32862-0122

Please make certain that the appropriate name and address is used in order to avoid complications in the processing of a matching gift application. Note that gifts and matching gift documentation for SIL should be sent to the above address—not to Dallas. The processing and receipting of gifts to SIL, is done in Orlando. For gifts to SIL, the check must be made to SIL and credit card gifts must be made on sil.org/donate.

If you have further questions after talking with your employer, please contact our Matching Gifts Coordinator.

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