



DONATING IS EASY

- » Contact us to set up a time to deliver your vehicle to the Willmar campus.
- » Determine the value of the vehicle you are donating.
- » Bring the vehicle, title, and keys to Ridgewater College at a scheduled time.
- » Complete the one-page Donation Form (provided at time of delivery).

WHY DONATE?

Help students. Help yourself.

Donating a vehicle to the Ridgewater College Foundation is a true win-win situation for the students and the donor. Vehicle donations are immediately turned over to the college's Auto Body Collision Repair and Auto Mechanics Technology programs for use in educating dozens of students each year. Donated vehicles allow students to get the hands-on training needed to be successful in the workforce. The donor may receive a tax deduction and can enjoy the satisfaction of helping educate the region's workforce for many years to come.

“ We are so grateful when community members can support students by donating vehicles on which they can practice skills. It simply makes our graduates better technicians when they enter the workplace to work on other cars. ”

~ Joe Wambeke, Ridgewater Faculty



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Vehicle Donations

creating opportunities. changing lives.



WHAT TYPES OF VEHICLES CAN BE DONATED?

We accept most makes and models of cars and trucks, whether they are in working condition or not. We generally do not accept boats or trailers.

CAN I DONATE IF MY CAR DOESN'T RUN?

Yes, we will accept your vehicle; however, you are responsible for delivering it to us.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY VEHICLE AFTER I DONATE IT?

Donated vehicles will be used in the classroom for hands-on instruction to educate students. In rare circumstances, we will sell a vehicle and use the proceeds for program or classroom needs.

HOW DO I DETERMINE THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE CAR I AM DONATING?

According to I.R.S. "Donor's Guide to Car Donations" (I.R.S. Publication 4303), fair market value is "the price a willing buyer would pay and a willing seller would accept for the vehicle, when neither party is compelled to buy or sell, and both parties have reasonable knowledge of relevant facts." A vehicle pricing guide, such as National Automotive Dealers Association (NADA) or the Kelley Blue Book, can be helpful in this regard. For more information on determining the value of your vehicle, see I.R.S. Publication 561, "Determining the Value of Donated Property."

These publications are available online at:
www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4303.pdf
www.irs.gov/publications/p561/index.html

WILL I GET A RECEIPT FOR MY DONATION?

Yes, the Ridgewater College Foundation will issue a letter of appreciation and receipt to you, which contains the information required by the I.R.S. (per Publication 4303), usually within 7-10 business days.

CAN I DEDUCT THE CAR DONATION ON MY TAXES?

Generally, because Ridgewater College Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, your donation is a charitable contribution that can be deducted from your taxes. However, some limitations may apply and individual tax situations vary, so please check with a tax professional to determine what, if any, tax benefit you may receive from a tax deductible donation. (I.R.S. Publication 4303)

WHAT DAYS AND TIMES CAN I DONATE MY VEHICLE?

Staff is available on campus most weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You must contact us to schedule an appointment to drop off the vehicle. If you require an after-hours appointment, please contact us to see if it can be arranged.

