



AVCA Silent Auction Donation Guidelines

- The AVCA must receive all silent auction donor forms, donated items and display information by Tuesday, December 2, 2024. Incomplete items will not be listed in the final auction catalog.
- All certificates must be valid through Dec. 31, 2025. List any restrictions, such as expiration and blackout dates.
- All donations must meet the \$100 (USD) minimum retail value requirement.
- Tax information will be mailed to all donors following the AVCA Convention upon request.

AVCA Silent Auction Donation Tips

To maximize your exposure and bidding, below are a few tips and types of donations that have been popular in the past:

- **Electronics and gift cards** are popular. If donating a gift card/certificate, please indicate the retail value in the item's description provided on the [online auction donation form](#)
 - **Tangible items** a bidder can touch, feel or smell can market themselves. Don't forget, if you're donating a tangible item, you must either bring it to AVCA Convention in Louisville and drop it off at registration by 8:00 a.m., December 19; or ship your item directly to AVCA Headquarters (*all items must arrive by December 2*)
 - **Unique dining experiences or fun outings** through national chains or near top destinations
 - **Volleyball training equipment, gear, and apparel**
 - **Handcrafted items, especially unique gifts for volleyball teams, players, or coaches**
 - **Collector's items**, such as old sports ads or antique volleyball memorabilia that are unique or hard to find
 - **Sports and music memorabilia** such as autographed items, apparel, photographs, equipment, and tickets
 - **Mini vacations** for two or more people including hotel accommodations can acquaint people with your hotel or city, as well as generate bidder interest
 - **Themed gift baskets** can also generate a good deal of attention, while still highlighting your company. If the donation includes multiple products/services intended to be auctioned together (*example - gift basket*), please provide a description and approximate retail value for each product/service. Themes are endless, below are some ideas to get you started:
 - **Pet Basket** - pet treats, toys, and collar
 - **Sports Basket** - jerseys, hats, and tickets
 - **Gardening Basket** – flower/plant seeds, flowerpots, gardening tools, gloves and watering can
 - **Kitchen Basket** – utensils, spices, cookbooks, measuring cups, and salt and pepper shakers
 - **Family or Team Game Night Basket** – board games, volleyball themed prizes and pizza/sandwich gift card
 - **Children's Basket** – items such as stuffed animals, toys, t-shirts, and games
 - **Picnic Basket** – linens, blanket, plates, glasses, wine, and corkscrew
- * **Do not wrap gift baskets.** Items produce more bids if the bidder has a clear view of items in baskets. It can make shipping easier if a basket is wrapped, but we may remove wrapping for display on-site.

For questions regarding the silent auction, please contact Tara McGuire at tara.mcguire@avca.org or 859-551-3903.