



AVCA Silent Auction Donation Guidelines

- The AVCA must receive all silent auction donor forms, donated items and display information by “Giving Tuesday” on December 1, 2026. Incomplete items will not be listed in the final auction catalog.
- All certificates must be valid through Dec. 31, 2026. 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 donate a tangible item, you must either bring it to AVCA Convention in San Antonio and drop it off at registration by 8:00 a.m., December 17; or ship your item directly to AVCA Headquarters (*all items must arrive by December 1*)
 - **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 Swan at tara.swan@avca.org or 859-551-3903.