

Donations and Gifts

- 1.) [Article 16, section 6](#) (See Tab 10 – Page 1 for the website address) of the Wyoming Constitution states that personal gifts purchased by the state is prohibited. For this reason the State Auditor’s Office has determined the following expenditures prohibited:
 - a) flowers or expenses in relation to a funeral
 - b) personal membership in social, professional or fraternal organizations (unless required by specific job description)
 - c) expenses of social event in honor of a retiring employee
 - d) meals for employees

An exception to this mandate will be expenditures made by an agency whose primary objective is the promotion of the state’s economy or development.

- 2.) No state funds may be used for the purchase of group refreshments for employee or guest consumption (alcohol, coffee, tea, rolls, etc.). Appliances may not be purchased with state funds when these appliances are to be used for the preservation, preparation or conditioning of food products for employee consumption (hot plates, coffee pots, refrigerators, etc.).
- 3.) Districts may not give college scholarships. An Attorney General’s Opinion dated July 11, 1986 states that no statutory provision exists which would allow districts to give college scholarships, as it is not within the enumerated powers given to conservation districts.
- 4.) Travel advances are considered loans and are prohibited by the State Constitution ([Article 16, Section 6](#)).