

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS | FOS

To whom should checks be written?

- Checks can be made out to Scouting America, BSA, or Northeast Iowa Council.

Can my unit contribute to help achieve our Pack goals?

- You sure can! It is encouraged for units to donate to FOS.

How does someone pay?

- FOS pledges can be paid by cash, check or credit card. Credit cards accepted at the Council Service Center are Discover, Mastercard, and Visa. Online payments accepted include ApplePay, GooglePay, Venmo, Paypal and credit card.

Can someone pay their pledge in installments?

- Yes; a donor can choose to pay quarterly, monthly or the amount of installments they choose. The installment payments must be finished during the calendar year of 2026.

Can I tell you where to designate my donation?

- We love hearing stories about what part of Scouting means the most to you! While you are certainly able to designate your gift, our Council leadership works with our volunteers and families each year to identify the areas of greatest need for the Council and we hope that you will make a general donation in order to provide the best Scouting experience for all youth.

How much money does the National Council get?

- **ALL FOS** money we raise here stays local. No FOS money goes to the National Council.

What is the true cost of Scouting?

- Scouting varies based on the level of participation. An annual average cost for most youth is around \$572 and this does not include weekend camping or additional activities. *Can you afford to do more to help others? What is your Unit doing to help offset the cost for your families?*