

## **Frequently Asked Questions – Empower/Donate**

### **What is BRI's mission?**

*The mission* of the Bill of Rights Institute is to educate young people about the words and ideas of America's Founders, the liberties guaranteed in our Founding documents, and how our Founding principles continue to affect and shape a free society. It is the goal of the Institute to help the next generation understand the freedom and opportunity the Constitution offers.

### **What are your overhead costs?**

We believe that long-term effectiveness of the Institute can only be achieved through careful stewarding of the investments made by our supporters. By ensuring overhead costs directly further our programmatic reach, we expand the impact of our programs. Our current overhead ratio is 8.3%.

### **What does my donation go towards funding?**

Your investment ensures that students across the country develop an appreciation for our Founding principles. We achieve this through direct student programs, investing in teacher development, and through producing historically-accurate resources that are rooted in primary source documents.

### **Can I visit your offices or programs?**

We are always excited to meet the supporters who make our work possible! If you would like to visit our offices or a program, please call Rupert at 703.894.1776 x 26

### **Is my gift tax-deductible?**

The Institute is categorized under the IRS tax code section 501(c)(3). As such your support is deductible in accordance with current IRS guidelines.

### **What forms of donation can you accept?**

We appreciate all forms of support! Most supporters choose to invest through check or credit card, however, we gratefully accept stock transfers, bequests, in-kind donations, or other asset donations. Please call Rupert at 703.894.1776 x 26 for more information.

### **Can you accept stock transfers?**

Yes! We gratefully accept stock transfers – more information can be found [here](#).

**How can I get involved with your work?**

The investment of our supporters makes our work possible, however, we are always appreciative of supporters looking to further our mission. If you would like to find a way to get engaged with our work, please call Rupert at 703.894.1776 x 26.

**What is your theory of change?**

We believe that the only way for students to become engaged citizens is through a deep understanding of the principles that underlie our nation. Through developing the ability to apply these principles to the modern world, students are best placed to become passionate citizens who will protect our rights.

**How do you create change?**

We equip students to develop an understanding of our Founding principles through direct outreach and through partnering with teachers and parents. Through developing engaging programs and resources we ensure that students across the country can effectively apply the principles of our Founding to their daily lives.

**Can I leave you a gift in my will?**

Through bequests and estate planning we ensure that the organizations and values we championed throughout our lives are preserved. To learn more about creating a lasting impact through a legacy, please call Rupert at 703.894.1776 x 26 or learn about legacy possibilities [here](#).

**Who can I speak to about your work?**

We enjoy sharing the message of our work with our thousands of supporters! If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Rupert Munro, Director of Development, at 703.894.1776 x 26.