



## 2026 RDO Caters Taters for Charity Application

We are proud to partner with and support the work of many charitable organizations throughout the Fargo-Moorhead area. Our event is focused on raising dollars for programs and organizations that make our community a better place to live and work. This application is meant to provide the RDO Caters Taters selection committee with an understanding of your organization and mission, the services and area of focus you provide, and how we might best partner during our fundraising event.

***RDO Caters Taters will be held October 20, 2026 at the Holiday Inn Fargo.***

### **NEW – Two-Year Eligibility Option**

RDO Caters Taters is committed to supporting organizations in a way that provides flexibility and long-term impact while also being mindful of administrative burdens. Beginning in 2026, applicants may choose one of the following participation options.

- 1. Apply for 2026 Only:** Organizations may submit their materials for consideration for the 2026 event year. If selected, participation applies solely to the 2026 event.
- 2. Apply for 2026 with Automatic Eligibility for 2027:** Organizations may elect to have their 2026 application remain active for the following year. If the organization is not elected for 2026 event, the same application will automatically be carried forward for consideration in 2027 - no resubmission required. *If selecting this option, please frame your responses to cover more than one year.*

### **Guidelines for Applicants**

RDO Caters Taters seeks to create positive impact on our community while supporting organizations that align with RDO's values.

Therefore, priority will be given to organizations who serve:

- People in crisis
- People seeking to improve or advance their lives and the lives of others
- Veterans and First Responders
- Community enhancement
- Children, young adults, and the elderly with needs for support services

Causes and organizations that fall outside the scope of RDO Caters Taters:

- Those not serving Fargo/Moorhead
- Those primarily focused on the arts
- Those primarily focused on animal rescue / animal welfare
- Those focused on benefiting political parties, campaigns, and candidates
- Those primarily focused on religious programming
- Those focused on a singular club, school facility, district, or sports team

**Charity Requirements:** to be eligible to apply for RDO Caters Taters, your organization must:

- Have an operating budget of \$100,000
- Have a minimum of two staff members
- Have effectively facilitated a raffle

**Please answer the proceeding questions on a separate document and return by March 11, 2026 to [rdocaterstaters@rdoffutt.com](mailto:rdocaterstaters@rdoffutt.com) (or to 225 N Broadway, ND 58102, attn. RDO Caters Taters).**

The selected charity will be notified by May. If you have any questions, please contact [rdocaterstaters@rdoffutt.com](mailto:rdocaterstaters@rdoffutt.com).

## **RDO Caters Taters for Charity 2026 Application Questions**

*Please answer these questions in a separate document and return by **March 11, 2026** to [rdocaterstaters@rdoffutt.com](mailto:rdocaterstaters@rdoffutt.com).*

### **Charity Information**

1. Charity Name:
2. Contact Information:
3. What is your mission?
4. What is your greatest need?
5. Why should your organization be selected as an RDO Caters Taters charity of choice?
6. How would dollars raised from RDO Caters Taters be utilized? Please be as specific as possible.

### **Funding/Financial Questions**

1. What fundraising events are currently held for your organization? When are they held? Are there any partner hosts for these events?
2. What other sources of funding do you currently utilize?
3. How are donated funds allocated at your organization? What percentage stays local?
4. What percentage of your budget is allocated to programs vs. administration?

### **Impact Measurement**

1. How does your organization measure success or impact? Please share key metrics (e.g., number of people served, outcomes achieved).
2. What geographic areas do you serve?
3. Please describe the demographics of the population you serve.
4. Provide one recent success story that demonstrates your impact.

### **Partnership Questions**

1. What support can your organization offer for this year's event? This includes communication efforts to your supporters, social media presence, volunteers/staff at the event, and more?
2. Has your organization ever applied for a raffle permit? Please share your organization's past raffle experience.
3. Are there ways RDO team members can get involved through volunteering or other opportunities?

### **Application Eligibility Options**

1. Indicate if your application is for 2026 only or if you'd like automatic eligibility for 2027.

*Along with your responses to the application, please include the following information:*

- *Proof of nonprofit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status*
- *Recent marketing collateral that helps share more information about programming and services (please do not create anything new)*
- *Most recent annual report, if available*
- *Recent financial statement or IRS Form 990*
- *Current list of Board of Directors*