

# Automobile Donation Information

The Studebaker National Museum prides itself on being the only museum devoted solely to the Studebaker marque. Its collection of horse-drawn, electric and internal combustion vehicles is quite remarkable in its scope, spanning 114 years of manufacturing, producing vehicles for six wars, and achieving Classic Car status for models in the 30's.

Unlike some auto museums that routinely purchase vehicles for their collections, all the vehicles in the Studebaker National Museum's collection have been gifted or are on loan.

*The museum is grateful for the extraordinary vehicles that have been donated over the years that comprise this outstanding collection.*

## THE STUDEBAKER NATIONAL MUSEUM VEHICLE COLLECTION:

The Studebaker National Museum's goal is to maintain a collection that reflects the best and most significant examples of Studebaker-made vehicles—known for their exquisite design, rarity, originality, or in any variety of ways strengthens the collection. To meet this goal and also maintain the highest levels of collection care, the museum must have the flexibility to upgrade and change the content of its collection over time.



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## Vehicle Donations:

A potential donor may offer a vehicle to the museum to be considered for acceptance into the museum's collection. All such offers are reviewed for acceptance by the museum's Collections Committee. If the museum accepts a vehicle, the donor may take a federal income tax deduction for the "fair market value" of the vehicle as determined by a qualified appraisal, subject to certain restrictions. Please note that museum staff cannot perform appraisals.

If a vehicle is not accepted into the collection, the museum is happy to discuss other non-collection options, such as educational and development use (a 'rolling classroom' or 'hands-on' vehicle, for example) or as a gift for resale with proceeds supporting museum activities and programs. The museum is also glad to provide information on other potential museums who may be interested in the vehicle.



## Vehicle Donations for Resale:

A donor may give a vehicle to the museum with the complete understanding that it will be sold at a public auction with the proceeds from the sale going to the museum to support its activities and programs. Donors have the option to designate a specific use for the funds, such as collections care, the museum's endowment or general operations. All donors of vehicles sold are permanently honored and memorialized as museum contributors.



## Benefits of Donating a Vehicle:

Donating a vehicle to the Studebaker National Museum may provide considerable tax benefits to a donor. As the Studebaker National

Museum is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, donors will receive a tax deduction for their vehicle. The amount of that deduction and the requirements relating to the deduction will vary depending on whether the museum accepts the vehicle into the collection, uses, or sells the vehicle. Please consult your tax professional for specific advice.



The Studebaker National Museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums and thus, wants all vehicle donors to fully understand the implications of their donated gift. Therefore, museum staff will discuss the potential uses for a donated vehicle beforehand. As stated previously, the museum is also glad to provide information on other museums who may be interested in the vehicle.

## THE DONATION PROCESS - Simple and straight forward:

- 1) Contact Studebaker National Museum staff about a potential donation.
- 2) Provide a description, recent color photographs, a copy of the title and your intent for the proposed donation. Museum staff may ask to inspect the proposed vehicle in person.
- 3) The museum's Collections Committee will review the donation.
- 4) Museum staff will inform the donor of the Collections Committee's decision.
- 5) Donor will have the vehicle appraised for tax purposes (if required and/or desired).
- 6) The donor and museum staff will complete transfer documents and arrange delivery/pickup.

