



Great Futures Gala & Auction

Auction Item Procurement

Step #1 Request a donation from a local business, friend, or colleague:

Sample invitation to give

Hi [name],

Boys & Girls Clubs of King County is an organization close to my heart. As a member of the [Board of Directors/CLUB NAME Club Advisory Board], I've seen how the Clubs become a second home to so many kids and teens across Greater Seattle. This summer, our amazing staff are supporting 1,300 youth a day with fun, engaging, and educational summer camp programming. Plus, dozens of teens are participating in internships and career exploration programming too.

I'm writing today to invite you to invest in young people through a donation of [name of item] for our Great Futures Gala & Auction on September 23, 2023. All proceeds from this event will ensure quality youth development programming, a safe place to learn and grow, and expanded behavioral health support for young people. Can we count on your support?

Step #2 Secure the donated item

Pick up your item and store your item until the auction. Or, mail certificates to the address below:

Boys & Girls Clubs of King County
Attn: Resource Development
220 W Mercer St, Suite 410
Seattle, WA 98119

Step #3 Submit your item to the auction catalog

[Click here to submit your auction items online.](#)

Procurement Guidelines

Thank you for supporting Boys & Girls Clubs of King County and our Great Futures Gala and Auction! Each year, volunteers procure unique, desirable events that generate revenue and excitement for the event.

In the last five years, the following categories of items sold for the highest percentage of value, both in the live and silent auctions.

- Travel packages
- Exclusive food experiences
- Unique sports tickets and experiences
- Tickets to sought after theatre and musical performances

Silent Auction

We ask that Club Advisory Boards (CABs) work together to procure up to 10 silent auction items per CAB. To maximize your efforts, we ask the majority of the items your CAB procures fall into these categories. Silent auction items should start at a fair market value of \$250.

In recent time, the number of alcohol packages in the auction has increased, and the number of packages selling over value has steadily decreased. To create a curated selection of alcohol packages, we ask that each CAB submits one alcohol package with a fair market value of \$300+ per Club to the auction.

Live Auction

We aim to have 12-15 live auction items. Live auction items should start at a fair market value of \$5,000, or be a one-of-a-kind experience. The categories above are also applicable to live auction items.

Boys & Girls Clubs of King County may have access to hotel points and airfare to round out Club live auction packages. All funds raised by packages supported by those points will be allocated to the Club that secured the main part of the package.