

## **Ethics (COE)**

**From:** Ethics (COE)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2009 3:42 PM  
**To:** 'Lainey Brooks'  
**Subject:** RE: Gift Question

Ms. Brooks:

If the purpose of the stipends is to cover expenses the employees incur attending these conferences in their official capacities, then the staff members would not be required to report such stipends as gifts. If the staff members' expenses are fully covered by another source, then the stipends should be reported as gifts.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Lainey Brooks [mailto:brooksl@mdpls.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2009 12:39 PM  
**To:** Ethics (COE)  
**Subject:** Gift Question

The Friends of the Miami-Dade Public Library (a separate 501c3) occasionally give stipends to library staff to help them with the expenses they may incur to attend professional meetings such as the annual Florida Library Association or the American Library Association conferences. Do staff members receiving these stipends from the Friends need to submit a Gift Form?

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