

SC PTA Venmo Position Statement - July 2025

SCPTA now allows local units to utilize a **Venmo Charity Account** in order to accept PTA payments.

Details on how to establish a Venmo Charity Account can be found here:

<https://help.venmo.com/cs/articles/charity-profile-faq-vhel124>

Local units are still not allowed to use *personal* Venmo accounts or other Peer-To-Peer (PTP) payment apps to accept payments or donations on behalf of the PTA. There are several reasons for this prohibition.

1. Using a personal account for business transactions is expressly forbidden by Venmo and most other PTP payment apps. Venmo's user agreement expressly states that their "peer-to-peer experience cannot be used to solicit or collect charitable contributions". If the company discovers that you are using a personal account to accept payments for the PTA, they have the right to close your account and seize the funds.
2. PTP payment processing apps cannot send tax receipts. Many PTP payment apps do not require the donor to provide a mailing address or other contact details, making it impossible to issue a donation receipt. Because the IRS requires all non-profits to issue a receipt for any donation of more than \$250, using these apps could jeopardize the 501c3 status of all PTA units in South Carolina.
3. Because PTP payment apps are often associated with fraudulent solicitations for donations, it is important that donors feel confident when giving to the PTA. Having a verified business account with all the relevant contact information and assurances of the site's legitimacy is important when offering donors the opportunity to support the PTA.