



# Getting Started with Merchant Accounts



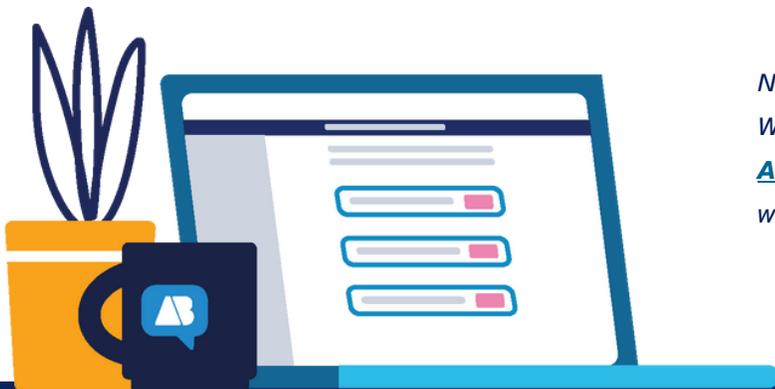
**Questions?**  
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[help.actblue.com!](https://help.actblue.com)

1. **Submit the [ActBlue setup form](#).** If we detect that you'll need a merchant account to fundraise, we'll send you an invitation to the Stripe onboarding process within **1-2 business days**.
2. **Submit the Stripe form.** (You may need to submit your EIN confirmation document if your EIN was created recently.)
3. **Upload the documentation.** Once you're all set with Stripe, you'll be directed back to ActBlue to securely upload your bank documentation.
4. **Keep an eye on your inbox.** We'll get to work activating your account! Activation typically takes **1-2 business days**.
5. **Start fundraising!** Once you get an email from us confirming that your account is activated, it's go time!

When you apply for an ActBlue fundraising Dashboard, we may detect that **your [jurisdiction's campaign finance laws](#)** require you to fundraise with a **merchant account** (or electronic payment processor). If so, we'll get you set up with **our partner, Stripe**, who will securely process your donations and deposit them into your bank account.

#### You will need:

- **Your committee's federal tax ID (EIN).** **[If you don't have an EIN, get one in minutes on the IRS website!](#)** Save your EIN confirmation document.
- **A bank document confirming your information.** You can use a voided check, bank statement, or an original, unaltered bank document printed with your committee's name, the bank's name, and your account number and routing number.
- **An authorized representative** from your committee to sign the terms & agreements.



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