



Accepted Asset Types

We accept a wide variety of assets, allowing you to establish and grow your fund in the most tax-advantageous way.

CASH: CHECK OR CREDIT CARD

Cash, usually in the form of a check or credit card, is a convenient way to establish or add to your fund. Gifts of cash enable you to claim a current tax deduction of up to 60% of your adjusted gross income.¹ Unused federal tax deductions may be eligible for use.

PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES & MUTUAL FUND SHARES

Contributions of appreciated securities or mutual fund shares can produce significant tax savings, while allowing you to be more philanthropic than you may have thought possible. This is because you receive several benefits:

- An immediate charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the donated assets
- Exemption from any capital gains tax on the appreciation
- A deduction of up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income of the fair market value of contributed securities

In addition, if the amount is larger than you can use in one year, you can carry the surplus forward for up to five subsequent years.¹ For transfer instructions, please contact Jennifer Brink, Investment Accountant, at (612) 672-3871 or jbrink@mplsfoundation.org.

CLOSELY HELD STOCK²

If you own a closely held or family business, you are likely to encounter several restrictions that make it difficult to establish a private foundation or family foundation. However, a partnership with the Minneapolis Foundation is a cost-effective way to maximize your philanthropic options while minimizing your tax liability. The Minneapolis Foundation can be particularly helpful in the following instances:

- Passing ownership of your company to children or key employees without straining available assets and liquidity
- Selling your company and planning to minimize estate taxes
- Getting equity out of your company to provide income
- Creating a family philanthropic program using the assets of your business

REAL ESTATE²

Gifts of real estate can include a house, apartment building, farm, vacation home, commercial building and income-producing and nonincome-producing land. A gift of real estate that you have owned for more than a year entitles you to a tax deduction for the full fair market value of the property while allowing you to avoid capital gains tax.

Gifts of real estate typically require several procedural steps that include a site visit to the property, a qualified appraisal, a preliminary title report, and an environmental assessment. They must be approved in advance by the Minneapolis Foundation.

INTEREST IN A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP²

If you own limited partnership interests, such as investment or business partnerships, you may be able to contribute an ownership interest to the Foundation. Individuals holding family limited partnership interests may be able to do so, as well. While donations of these and other more complicated assets require careful planning, we have the flexibility and expertise to review and accept them.

LIFE ESTATES²

You can benefit today from the future gift of a home or vacation home. A life estate gift allows you to continue to live in the home for life and enjoy a current income tax deduction. The Minneapolis Foundation will ultimately sell the property without having to go through probate and use the proceeds to support the charitable purposes you care about most.

LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES

A life insurance policy can become an ideal tool for charitable giving because many people find they no longer need policies they purchased earlier in their lifetimes. Gifting insurance policies is simple: You start by irrevocably assigning your insurance policy to the Foundation, which you also name as a beneficiary of the policy. You can make annual tax-deductible contributions to cover the policy's annual premium. Alternatively, if the policy is paid up, you will receive an immediate tax deduction in an amount approximately equal to the policy's cash surrender value.¹

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Charitable contributions of capital gain property held for more than one year are usually deductible at fair market value. Deductions for capital gain property held for one year or less are usually limited to cost basis. Consult an attorney or tax advisor regarding your specific legal or tax situation.

²These gifts require prior approval by the Minneapolis Foundation. For details contact Stephanie Donley, Philanthropic Advisor, at (612) 672-3823 or sdonley@mplsfoundation.org.