Donor Advised Fund

LEVERAGE THE NOTRE DAME ENDOWMENT TO
SIMPLIFY YOUR GIVING AND MAXIMIZE YOUR IMPACT

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Further Your Philanthropy

The University of Notre Dame Donor Advised Fund is a powerful philanthropic vehicle that leverages the Notre Dame Endowment to maximize the impact of your gift to Our Lady’s University as well as gifts to other qualified charitable organizations. It offers a simple, efficient, and cost-effective way for you to be a force for good in the world.

Noteworthy Benefits

- Receive an immediate income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes by donating long-term appreciated securities
- Pay no direct investment or administrative fees
- Submit grant recommendations through the DAF Portal, a simple online tool to manage your DAF
- Make distributions on your own timetable
- Create a significant impact on Notre Dame and on the other qualified charities for which you care deeply
- Select a succession plan to continue your philanthropic legacy after your passing

Notre Dame Endowment Performance

One of the most important advantages of the Notre Dame Donor Advised Fund is having your gift invested in the Notre Dame Endowment, which is consistently one of the best-performing endowments. Notre Dame holds a Moody’s “Aaa” credit rating, Moody’s highest long-term credit rating. Annualized net returns of the Notre Dame Endowment relative to benchmarks and market indices are as follows:

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<td>Notre Dame Endowment</td>
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*The 60% Equity / 40% Bond is an index blend of stocks/bonds as represented by the MSCI All Country World Investable Index and Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. **The Strategic Policy Portfolio is the University of Notre Dame’s internal benchmark consisting of indices representative of the target investment portfolio.
How It Works

**Gift:** Minimum gift of $500,000 through cash, securities, or other approved assets is required to fund the Donor Advised Fund. Existing charitable foundations and donor advised funds can be transferred with ease to Notre Dame to fund a DAF.

**Investment:** Notre Dame DAFs are invested in units of the Notre Dame Endowment pool.

**Structure:** Each Notre Dame DAF is comprised of a Retained Fund for Notre Dame and a Distributable Fund that is available for Notre Dame and other qualified charities. At least 50% of each contribution must be allocated to the Retained Fund.

**Distributions:** DAF grants start at $5,000 and can be made with ease and on your timetable through the DAF Portal.

**Eligible Charities:** Distributions may be made to 501(c)(3) public charities that align with Notre Dame’s values as a Catholic university. In addition, as a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the University cannot make distributions to other charities that could cause the University to be in violation of NCAA rules and regulations. These charities include high schools, prep schools, two-year colleges, and “name, image, and likeness” collectives.

Impact Story

As they saw their three children—William ’06, Kara ’08, and Conor ’11—progress through and graduate from Notre Dame, Jack and Cathy Brennan knew that the University would be part of their lives, and their legacy, forever. To enable Notre Dame to remain one of the top educational institutions in the world, the Brennans decided to include Notre Dame in their estate plans; and after learning about the advantages of investing in the Notre Dame Endowment, they chose to establish a DAF with the University. The fact that they could help other charities while simultaneously giving to Notre Dame made the DAF a perfect vehicle for the Brennans’ passions. In addition to his leadership as Chairman of Notre Dame’s Board of Trustees, Jack Brennan also now leads by example in giving to amplify his family’s charitable legacy.

FAQ’s

**Can a donor transfer assets to a Notre Dame Donor Advised Fund from another donor advised fund?** Yes. The donor simply recommends a grant to the Notre Dame Donor Advised Fund from his or her existing donor advised fund account. When Notre Dame receives the grant, it is deposited into the donor’s Notre Dame Donor Advised Fund account. This is not a taxable event, as the donor has already received a tax deduction for the original contribution to a donor advised fund.

**What is the difference between a donor advised fund and a private foundation?** Establishing a private foundation can involve substantial start-up costs and on-going administrative expenses, such as the yearly filing of a Form 990-PF. One of the most significant differences, however, is that contributions to donor advised funds can receive more favorable tax treatment. The Notre Dame Donor Advised Fund also offers privacy in that public disclosure of charitable gifts is not required, while private foundation information is public record.

**Can a donor transfer a private foundation to the Notre Dame Donor Advised Fund?** Yes. A private foundation may transfer part or all of its assets to Notre Dame to establish a donor advised fund. If a private foundation transfers all of its assets to a Notre Dame Donor Advised Fund, the private foundation may be terminated if desired.
The University of Notre Dame is an educational institution and does not provide tax, legal, or financial advice. Any document or information provided to you by our staff is intended to be educational and informational. Notre Dame strongly encourages all of our donors to seek counsel from their own legal and financial advisors. Please know that any information or document shared by the development staff cannot be used to avoid tax-related penalties. Actual year-to-year performance of the Notre Dame Endowment varies, and past performance does not guarantee future results.