Donor Advised Funds

Get the most out of your charitable contributions.

Easy to establish and use. It takes just a few minutes to open a fund, and giving is a breeze with our online grant recommendation form.

Local expertise. You gain access to recent grant applications from the Midland Area Community Foundation (MACF) to help you learn more about current community needs.

Personalized approach. Gifts to nonprofits come from your fund while MACF does all the administrative work for you.

Gift variety. MACF makes it easy for you to give. We accept cash, stock, or other assets. You'll leverage tax deductions and potentially reduce capital gains taxes when gifting appreciated assets.

"Bunching" is easier. With recent changes to federal income tax laws, "bunching" allows you to contribute multiple years' worth of charitable giving to a Donor Advised Fund in a single year. You'll receive an immediate tax deduction to surpass the itemization threshold.

Engage multiple generations in giving. Name your children or a successive generation as advisors to the fund and your gift will continue to make an impact beyond your lifetime.

Flexibility. Make a gift today and recommend grants at any time. Donor Advised Funds also offer flexibility when unique tax events arise.

Give anonymously. When you give through your Donor Advised Fund, you have the option to remain anonymous on all or select grants.

Leave a legacy. You can utilize a Donor Advised Fund in much the same way you would a family-run foundation. You establish and choose a name for the fund, and can invite anyone to contribute. You also determine the purpose of the fund, allowing your legacy to continue after the advisors become unwilling or unable to serve.

Invest or pass-through options. You can establish an endowment fund, which MACF invests in a highly diversified portfolio pooled with over \$90 million in other assets, or you can choose not to invest, in which case funds will be held in cash.





FAQ

May I recommend grants to 501 (c)(3) organizations outside of the Midland Area? Yes, you can recommend grants to any 501 (c)(3) organization in the United States.

How much is needed to start a DAF? A minimum of \$5,000 is needed to start the fund.

What fees are charged to my Donor Advised Fund? Each fund held by MACF is charged an administrative fee to help cover the operation costs and administration of the DAF. As of 2019, the fee for a DAF is 1.5% annually (or a minimum annual fee of \$100). Fees at MACF are then invested back into the community.



"We're glad to be able to give back in this way. It's simplified our giving process and allowed us a way to leave a permanent legacy in the community that we love."

- Karl & Julie leuter

How do I get started?

- Determine the name of the fund and whether you would like to name a successive generation
- Decide how much and with what type of gifts you'd like to start the fund
- Call or email us at 989-839-9661 or infoemidlandfoundation.org

