

The Regional Community Foundation

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Guidelines for Using Your Charitable Checking Account



Since 1921, helping people to help others.

What you should know about your Charitable Checking Account

- funding your account and making grants to charities
- claiming charitable deductions
- requesting anonymity
- authorizing current or successor advisors

Charitable Checking Account Service[™]

The Charitable Checking Account Service offers you opportunities for tax advantages, and maximum convenience and flexibility for doing your regular charitable giving.

You may make your gifts to any IRS-approved U.S. charities of your choice, including educational and religious institutions. You also may use different types of assets, including appreciated securities, to fund your charitable gifts at the maximum tax savings.

You may time your deposits when it is most tax-advantageous for you and disburse at a later date. You make the decisions; we do all the work.

You also have the option to do your giving online, through The Dayton Foundation's Donor Express. This free, secure service allows you to recommend grants to the charities you wish to benefit and view your up-to-date account information.

Funding Your Account

Individuals, corporations and notfor-profit organizations can make gifts of cash, stocks or mutual funds, to establish or add to a Charitable Checking Account.

Gifts of securities are sold upon receipt at the current market price.

Once your fund has been credited with the net proceeds of the sale, we will send written acknowledgment of the transaction to you for tax purposes.

Charitable Tax Deductions

You are eligible for a charitable deduction on the date that we receive your contribution for your account. Generally you may deduct the fair market value of your contribution, up to 60 percent of your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for gifts of cash and 30 percent of your AGI for long-term capital gains property. Corporate contributions are deductible in amounts up to 10 percent of taxable income. Contributions exceeding these limits may be carried forward for up to five additional years.

Furthermore, your account balance is not considered part of your estate, and therefore is not subject to probate or estate taxes.



To aid in tax timing, you may deposit funds now and disburse later. You make the decisions; we do the work.

Making Grants from Your Account

Once your account is funded, you can start supporting charities right away. Please provide the complete and official name and address of the organization when making your request.

Grant recommendations from your account can be made by using Donor Express, available through the Foundation's website at www.dayton foundation.org. You also may fax or e-mail your grant instructions to The Dayton Foundation. We cannot, however, accept telephone or other verbal grant requests.

Grant recommendations generally are processed within five business days, unless we need to confirm the organizations' tax-exempt charitable status. If the organization is not recognized by the IRS as a public charity or if your account balance is insufficient to cover your requested grant, we will notify you promptly.

When making a grant, you may request to make recurring grants to the organization over an extended period of time, such as monthly or quarterly gifts to your place of worship. You can request this in Donor Express in the Comments section of the Grant Recommendation screen.

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According to IRS regulations, Charitable Checking Accounts may not be used to:

- fulfill a personal pledge,
- purchase event tickets,
- secure tangible membership benefits from a charity (e.g., baseball tickets, corporate advertising, etc.) or
- award grants to private foundations, for-profit entities or to most fraternal organizations. You may contact a Donor Services staff member if you have questions about a specific organization or grant recommendation.

Making Anonymous Gifts

Your grant to charity can be made in your name or anonymously if you so choose. Please select the anonymous field when submitting your grant request through Donor Express.

Fees and Charges

There are no fees for the Charitable Checking Account Service. The only charges you may incur are the usual costs associated with liquidating securities or other property (e.g., broker's fees). These costs will be deducted from the proceeds prior to deposit into your account. Also, accounts that receive a gift via a credit card through the Foundation's website will incur a processing fee of approximately 3 percent of the gift amount.

Simplifying Your Account Record Keeping

At any time through Donor Express, you can access your account information, including your account balance and deposit and grant history. You also may request to receive account statements by mail.

Authorizing Current or Successor Advisors to Your Account

You may name one or more individuals to act as current or successor advisor(s). Current advisors can direct grants from your account during your lifetime. Successor advisors will assume responsibility for managing your account in the event of your death. You may change these elections at any time by contacting Donor Services in writing.

When opening a Charitable Checking Account, corporations or other organizations must complete the Corporate/Organization Resolution and Indemnification form. The resolution authorizes the officers and/ or employees to act on behalf of the organization in regard to its Charitable Checking Account. The form may be mailed to Donor Services at The Dayton Foundation, 1401 S. Main St., Suite 100, Dayton, Ohio 45409, or faxed to us at (937) 222-0636.

Any changes to this resolution, including designating or revoking account advisors, should be submitted in writing to Donor Services. Upon the passing of the last account advisor, or if you have not named a successor advisor, any remaining balance will go to The Dayton Foundation for the Foundation to use where community need is greatest (unless arrangements have been made for the balance to be transferred into a named endowment fund.)

Questions?

Call The Dayton Foundation at (937) 222-0410 or toll free at (877) 222-0410, and ask to speak to one of our Donor Services staff members. You also may visit us online at www.daytonfoundation.org.

You may name one or more individuals as current or successor advisor(s) to your account.