



Tax Benefits of Outright Gifts

Outright gifts are direct transfers made during one's lifetime using cash, real estate or marketable securities, such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Other types of assets, such as personal property and closely held stock, may also be accepted upon review by Seattle Foundation.

Because they are irrevocable, outright gifts qualify for immediate income tax deductions, which – subject to certain conditions – can be taken annually up to a portion of adjusted gross income, with any unused amount eligible to be carried forward into the following year on the same basis over the course of as many as five years.

- Cash gifts qualify for a deduction that may be taken up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income.
- Gifts of appreciated securities and real estate owned longer than one year qualify for a fair market value deduction that may be taken up to 30 percent of adjusted gross income.
- Capital gains tax savings are possible when long-term appreciated securities or real estate is donated through an outright gift or a charitable remainder trust.

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Seattle Foundation has professional services available to help you and your advisors explore various giving options. We also encourage you to consult your attorney and other advisors to discuss your specific needs.

If you have any questions about tax benefits, please contact philanthropicservices@seattlefoundation.org.