

# Donor-Advised Funds

**Support the charitable causes you care about most.**

Donor-advised funds (DAFs) are the fastest-growing means of philanthropic giving in the United States. They provide donors one of the easiest, most tax-advantageous ways to support charitable organizations, drive philanthropic impact, and create a lasting legacy of kindness and compassion.

Here's an in-depth look at what a DAF is, how it works, and the many benefits donors receive by establishing a fund with NCF.

## What's a donor-advised fund?

Think of a DAF as a charitable checking account that donors can use to support the charitable organizations they care about most.

Once a donor establishes a DAF with a philanthropic foundation like NCF, they can contribute cash, securities, or other assets, which can then be put toward charitable grants for any eligible, IRS-qualified non-profit organization.

Donors get immediate tax deductions from their contributions, and funds can be invested for tax-free growth.

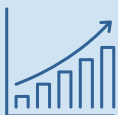
## How does a donor-advised fund work?

Establishing a DAF is easy with NCF. Here are three simple steps donors can follow to make the most out of their charitable giving.



### **GIVE** a tax-deductible donation

When donors establish a DAF with NCF, they can donate cash, stocks, or non-publicly traded assets (i.e., private business interests, cryptocurrency, private company stock), making them eligible for immediate tax deductions.



### **GROW** funds

With a DAF, funds in the account can grow tax-free, allowing donors to accrue more money they can put toward charitable causes.



### **GRANT** charitable support

Our team at NCF will provide grantmaking recommendations for donors to drive the most impact out of their charitable giving. Whether it's finding the best way to support at-risk youth, cultural institutions, or protected veterans, NCF can help donors create a lasting legacy of good through philanthropy.

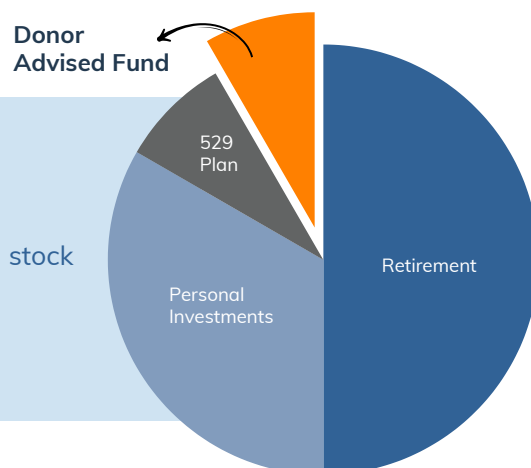


## Why choose a donor-advised fund over a private foundation?

There's no cost to establish, and they're less expensive to manage.

Donors receive maximum tax benefits, like:

- Higher AGI tax deduction limitations
- Fair market value deduction for gifts, real estate, and closely held stock
- No annual excise tax payments
- No excise taxes on sale of highly appreciated gifts



Donors can maintain privacy through anonymous grantmaking.

## Benefits of a donor-advised fund

Establishing a donor-advised fund with NCF provides a handful of benefits, including:

### Tax-free growth on charitable contributions

NCF offers a tax-smart approach to philanthropy. Contributions made to a DAF are eligible for tax deductions, and assets held within the account can grow tax-free, which optimizes donors' ability to maximize charitable reach.

### Stress-free account management

Donors don't have to worry about account oversight. Our NCF team will take that off their hands entirely. We'll provide rigorous management of donors' funds while upholding transparency and trustworthiness throughout the grantmaking process.

### Donor-led giving

NCF works in step with our donors, which means we follow their lead—not the other way around. Whether donors want to make a single substantial contribution or invest periodically over time, we'll adapt to their unique styles of charitable giving.

## Future-proof your charitable legacy

There's no better way for donors to establish a lasting family legacy than with a DAF from NCF. Donors can name their children and grandchildren as successor advisors, allowing them to pass on the invaluable gift of giving for generations to come.

## Discover a tailored approach to philanthropy with NCF

Amplify your philanthropic journey with a DAF—we'll help guide the way. Get started today. Connect with us today to open a fund.