

IRA Information

At this time of year, donors may want to contribute direct distributions from their IRAs that qualify as IRC Section 408 qualified charitable distributions (QCD). We have found that when IRA contributions are received, very little identifying information is included on the check. Should an IRA distribution be received by your organization, please reach out to the donor and confirm whether the contribution is intended to be a QCD. This will ensure the contribution is processed correctly. If the contribution is intended to be a QCD, when completing the deposit transmittal, please insert "IRA" in the comments field for that contribution. This will alert our staff that the IRA contribution is a QCD and the correct acknowledgement letter will be generated. Because there are specific rules that apply to IRA contributions, below is information on IRA gifts and QCDs which we hope you will find helpful.

IRA Contributions

How does someone give a gift from an IRA to a donor advised fund?

- Gift made during donor's **lifetime**:
 - 1. Donor receives IRA distribution and contributes amount to a fund
 - distribution is treated as income to the donor for income tax purposes, but they can deduct gift
 - 2. Donor instructs IRA custodian to transfer dollars directly to charity ("IRA Charitable Rollover")
 - Must be 70 ½ or older
 - \$100,000 is the maximum annual amount that can be transferred from an IRA to charity as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (i.e., donor does not have to recognize the amount transferred as income)
 - For the distribution to be a QCD under IRC Section 408(d), the amount transferred to charity cannot be for a DAF or supporting organization. Amount can be transferred into a designated, scholarship, field of interest or unrestricted fund.
- Gift made at **death**:
 - fund is named as beneficiary of the IRA.