

One-Stop Giving

The Simplicity and Flexibility of Donor Advised Funds

Your financial and charitable goals reflect your commitment to caring for your loved ones, supporting meaningful causes, and strengthening your community. But managing multiple donations and keeping track of records can feel overwhelming.

A **donor advised fund (DAF)** offers a simple, convenient solution. Think of it as your personal charitable giving account—a single place to organize, manage, and maximize your charitable impact.

How It Works

- **Open your fund:** Establish a donor advised fund through a community foundation or sponsoring organization with a simple written agreement. Most DAFs require a minimum initial gift, but additional contributions can be made in any amount.
- **Involve loved ones:** Name family members as successor advisors to continue recommending grants after your lifetime—or name University of the Cumberland as a beneficiary of all or part of your account.
- **Grow your impact:** Your contributions are invested by the sponsoring organization, which provides regular statements and reporting.
- **Recommend grants:** You decide which charitable organizations to support, when, and how much.
- **Receive tax benefits:** You qualify for a federal income tax charitable deduction when you contribute to your DAF.

3 Tips for Choosing the Right Sponsoring Organization

- **Choose carefully:** Contributions to a DAF are irrevocable. Be sure the sponsoring organization aligns with your values and charitable goals.
- **Understand the rules:** Minimum contribution levels, grant recommendation guidelines, and frequency can differ by sponsor—know what to expect.
- **Review fees and performance:** Administrative fees and investment returns vary, which can affect how much is ultimately distributed to charity.

Your Benefits

- **Convenience:** Receive your charitable tax deduction now, even if you decide which charities to support later.
- **Simplicity:** Make one contribution to your DAF and support multiple organizations without tracking multiple receipts or records.
- **Family Philanthropy:** A DAF is a great way to build a legacy of giving. Involve your children or grandchildren in recommending grants and passing on your philanthropic values.

Start Your Legacy of Giving

A donor advised fund is one of the easiest and most flexible ways to support the causes you care about—today and for generations to come.

If you'd like to learn more about how a donor advised fund can support University of the Cumberlands and other organizations important to you, contact us today for more information.

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