

## IRA Charitable Rollover – Frequently Asked Questions

### **How does this help me?**

An IRA Charitable Rollover gift makes it easier to use IRA assets during your lifetime to make charitable gifts. Under current law, withdrawals from traditional IRAs and certain Roth IRAs are taxed as income, even if they are immediately directed to a charity. The donor receives a tax deduction for his or her donation, but various other federal, and sometimes state, tax rules can prevent the deduction from fully offsetting this taxable income. As a result, many donors have chosen not to use IRA assets for lifetime gifts. The IRA Charitable Rollover eliminates this problem.

### **Are there any other benefits I could receive?**

The only permissible benefits from an IRA Charitable Rollover gift are those that would not reduce the tax deduction for which the donor would have otherwise qualified. *At the Wyoming School Foundation, an IRA Charitable Rollover gift would count toward naming opportunities and donor recognition circles.*

### **What are the tax implications of an IRA Charitable Rollover gift?**

Because the transfer occurs directly from your IRA to a qualified charity, you don't have to count the transfer as taxable income for federal tax purposes, and you're able to take a charitable tax deduction for the transfer. It is important to note that an IRA Charitable Rollover transfer can count as your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.

### **How do I initiate an IRA Charitable Rollover gift?**

You must contact your IRA administrator/custodian to initiate the transfer to the Wyoming School Foundation. A sample letter to your IRA Administrator/Custodian is provided on this website for download:

[Sample Letter to IRA Administrator/Custodian](#)

In addition, we encourage you to notify the recipient charity that you are making an IRA Charitable Rollover gift directly to the organization. A sample letter to the charity is provided on this website for download:

[Sample Letter from Donor to Charity](#)

### **Can an IRA Charitable Rollover gift be used to pay my pledged support to the Wyoming School Foundation?**

Yes! You can honor your gift pledge to the Wyoming School Foundation with one or more qualified IRA Charitable Rollover transfers of up to \$100,000 per person, per calendar year. You can direct your IRA administrator/custodian to transfer your charitable gift to the Wyoming School Foundation quarterly, annually, or other timing that works for you. Simply have your IRA administrator/custodian indicate that the transfer is a gift from you.

### **Can I still make a gift with an IRA beneficiary designation?**

Absolutely! Whether or not you choose to make an IRA Charitable Rollover gift, you can still designate the Wyoming School Foundation as a beneficiary to receive IRA assets after your lifetime. The lifetime charitable IRA rollover is simply another option for donors who would like to see their philanthropy at work now.

### **If I made an IRA Charitable Rollover gift in other tax years, can I do this again for the current tax year?**

Yes. The current law extends the IRA Charitable Rollover provision indefinitely—with no expiration date—allowing individuals to make qualifying gifts every tax year.