

TAX-SMART GIVING

Donor Advised Funds

What Is a Donor Advised Fund?

A DAF is an account where you can deposit and manage cash and non-cash assets that are reserved for future charitable giving. You realize any tax benefits for which you qualify in the year of the donation. You can then recommend grants from your fund to the charitable organizations of your choice.

What Are the Benefits of a Donor Advised Fund?

Opening a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) offers several advantages:

- Fund a DAF with diverse assets: cash, stocks: "appreciated stocks that have been held for more than 1 year", real estate, cryptocurrencies, mutual funds, or non-publicly traded assets.
- Receive a federal income tax charitable deduction for contributions to the fund.
- Avoid capital gains taxes by donating long-term appreciated assets.
- Simplify record-keeping, as individual contribution records are not required.
- Create a family legacy of generosity by including your children in your charitable giving choices.

How Do I Open a Donor Advised Fund?

To start a Donor Advised Fund, select a sponsoring organization, such as a community foundation, The Youth For Christ Foundation, or a financial institution like Fidelity, Schwab, Everence, or Vanguard. Once you've chosen a sponsor, you can set up the fund and make an irrevocable, tax-deductible contribution.

To open a DAF with The Youth For Christ Foundation, Click on "Open a Fund" below-It takes just 5 minutes, with no minimum balance required and no fees for donating stock.

[Open a Fund](#)

How Do I Give through a Donor Advised Fund?

Contact the sponsoring organization and instruct them to make a charitable gift to the organization of your choice.

Would You Like More Information?

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