

**Some gifts can be used today. Among them are:**

- A. Appreciated stock, bonds or mutual fund shares.
- B. QCDs and other gifts from retirement plans.
- C. Grants from donor advised funds.
- D. All the above.

**Ways to give after your lifetime include:**

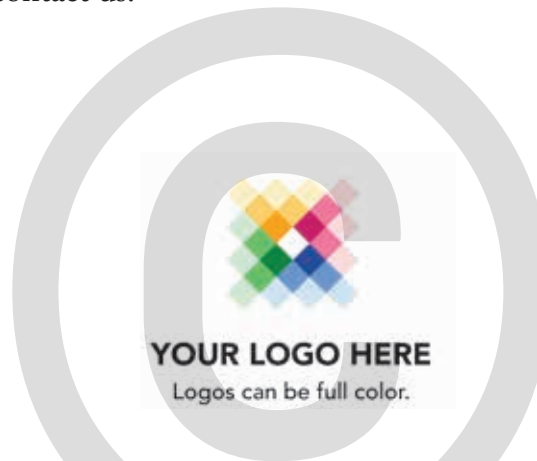
- A. Retirement plan remainders.
- B. Life insurance policies.
- C. A bequest in your will or living trust.
- D. All the above.

**To take full advantage of the year-end giving season:**

- A. Remember that the amount you will save is determined by if you itemize deductions and by your tax rate—the higher your rate, the more you save.
- B. You must complete gifts by Dec. 31 to enjoy tax benefits next April.
- C. Start early because completing stock transfers and QCDs may take more time than making a gift of cash.
- D. All the above.

**How Did You Do?**

If you answered all the questions in the quiz with a D, you get an A+! We hope you found this information helpful as you are considering your year-end gifts this year. If you would like more information about any of the ways of giving mentioned, please contact us.



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**2026  
Year-End Giving  
QUIZ**



Knowing as much as possible about charitable giving will allow you to make the best decisions when making your year-end gifts. By taking this quiz, you may discover some new ways to reach your charitable goals while providing generous support.

**The most common method of making charitable gifts with cash is by:**

- A. Writing a check.
- B. Using a credit card.
- C. Making an electronic transfer.
- D. All the above.

**If you are 70½ or older, you can make a gift from your IRA called a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). Among the advantages of QCDs are:**

- A. You can give any amount up to \$111,000 this year on a tax-free basis.
- B. Your gift can count toward any required minimum distribution you must take.
- C. QCD benefits are adjusted for those who continue to make deductible IRA contributions.
- D. All the above.

**Making a gift of appreciated securities, such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds, that you have owned for longer than one year can have multiple advantages. Among the benefits are:**

- A. You avoid capital gains tax that would be due if you sold the assets.
- B. If you itemize, you can deduct the full value of the securities, not just what you paid for them.
- C. Any unused deduction can be carried over for up to five years.
- D. All the above.

**In recent years, donor advised funds (DAFs) have been one of the fastest growing and most popular ways to make charitable gifts. DAFs are attractive because:**

- A. A gift to your DAF may allow you to itemize deductions on your 2026 tax return.
- B. You can donate cash, stocks or other appropriate assets to a DAF when circumstances are most beneficial from a tax standpoint.
- C. You (the DAF donor), or other designated individuals, can then advise or recommend distributions to your favorite charities.
- D. All the above.

**Beginning this year, there is a new universal deduction for gifts of cash available to non-itemizers. The rules are:**

- A. Single taxpayers can deduct up to \$1,000.
- B. Taxpayers who are married filing jointly can deduct up to \$2,000.
- C. Cash gifts to donor advised funds do not qualify.
- D. All the above.

**Among the ways you can make a gift in your will or living trust are:**

- A. **The residue.** This is a gift of whatever property is left over after all other bequests are made.
- B. **A percentage.** This is a flexible way to give that allows your gift to automatically change with the size of your estate.
- C. **A fixed amount.** The amount is certain and can be adjusted along with other terms of your will over time if desired.
- D. All the above.

Want to calculate your tax savings for a gift of appreciated assets?



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