

Giving options tailored to your unique situation — choose the one that's right for you.

CASH

A simple and common way to make a gift is by check or credit card to benefit Humanities Montana. Donations of cash are deductible if you itemize in the year of contribution.

BEQUESTS

You can designate a gift or portion of your estate to Humanities Montana, and in some cases receive a substantial reduction in federal gift and estate taxes.

STOCKS, BONDS, AND MUTUAL FUNDS

Many gifts of appreciated securities such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds provide a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the donated asset. If you have owned them longer than one year, you will pay no capital gains tax on the transaction, and you can deduct the full fair market value.

BANK ACCOUNTS AND CDS

Name Humanities Montana as the payable-on-death beneficiary of your bank accounts or certificates of deposit. You own the assets for your lifetime and have them available for your use. Upon your death, the assets pass directly to Humanities Montana, without going through probate.

LIFE INSURANCE¹

Rather than cancel policies you no longer need, consider naming Humanities Montana as the beneficiary.

RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS

Your most efficient estate planning option may be leaving all or a portion of your retirement plan to Humanities Montana, because tax laws often subject these assets to income and estate taxes upon your death. At the same time, you can pass more tax-favored assets to your family. Many techniques can be used to avoid income taxes of up to 39.6%. An IRA charitable rollover is one such option that is a great choice for people age 70½ or older.

REAL ESTATE

This is a simple donation if you own property that is not mortgaged, has appreciated in value, and you no longer need or use. Donating it to Humanities Montana is an effective way to benefit the charitable organization while deducting the fair market value of the gift and eliminating all capital gains taxes. Plus, you have removed that asset from your taxable estate.

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CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY¹

Also known as a CGA, this simple option enables you to make a gift to Humanities Montana now, get immediate tax benefits, and ensure you or a loved one receive a fixed annual income for life. The older you are, the higher your annuity rate. For donors who do not wish to receive income payments, a deferred charitable gift annuity, otherwise known as a DGA, is a popular option that provides the maximum tax advantage for the gift.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST¹

You can place cash or property in a trust that pays annual fixed or variable income to you (or another named beneficiary) for life or a period of time not to exceed 20 years. Income tax benefits are available for the year you establish the trust. At the end of the trust's term, the remaining assets transfer to Humanities Montana.

CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST¹

This type of charitable trust pays income to one or more charitable organizations, typically for a period of years, after which the remaining trust assets pass to family members.

RETAINED LIFE ESTATE¹

You can transfer the deed of your personal residence or farm to Humanities Montana now and retain the right to live in and use the property for your lifetime. You will receive a current charitable deduction in an amount that is based on your life expectancy and the value of the property.

BARGAIN SALE

In this scenario, you agree to sell property to Humanities Montana at less than its fair market value, with the difference between the sale price and the fair market value being your charitable deduction. The net result is not if often more favorable than selling the property at fair market value and making a charitable contribution from the capital gain.



FAIR MARKET VALUE

The price a willing buyer and a willing seller can agree on.



BENEFICIARY

An individual or organization designated to receive benefits or funds under a will or other contract, such as an insurance policy, trust, or retirement plan.



PROBATE

The court process for determining the validity of a deceased person's will and distributing his or her assets.



CAPITAL GAIN

The increase in value of an asset, such as stock or real estate, since its purchase.

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