

# Donor Advised Fund

Through a donor advised fund, you can have a voice in your philanthropy and receive benefits similar to a personal or family foundation without the administrative duties. Recommend organizations and programs to support, or we can assist in identifying critical community needs. The Mankato Area Foundation handles all of the grant administration. You can contribute to the fund when it is most convenient and, subject to IRS rules, receive a tax deduction for the contribution. What's more, you can appoint others, such as children or grandchildren, to serve as advisors and share in your family's tradition of giving and growing a legacy.

## HOW IT WORKS:

The first step is to meet with the expert staff at the Foundation to determine your current philanthropic approach and charitable goals for the future. You can choose to name a cause or philanthropic interest or have a broad scope of giving. We then work together to shape a grants program that meets those charitable objectives and interests.

## SETTING UP YOUR DONOR ADVISED FUND:

1. You make an irrevocable contribution of personal assets. These can include, but aren't limited to:
  - Cash gifts
  - Stocks and securities
  - Mutual funds
  - IRAs
  - Life insurance
  - Real estate
  - Assets of other trusts or of a private foundation
2. You can take an immediate tax deduction for your contribution in that year.
3. You name your donor-advised fund, designate advisors and any successors or charitable beneficiaries.
4. Your contribution is placed into your fund where it is then invested and professionally managed. Additionally, you can add to your fund at any time.
5. Once your fund is established, you recommend grants to any qualifying charity as often as you like and have a sufficient balance in your account.

For more information on Donor Advised Funds with the Mankato Area Foundation, please contact Nancy Zallek at 507.389.4583 or [nancy@mankatoareafoundation.com](mailto:nancy@mankatoareafoundation.com).



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