



National  
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Trust

# **DONOR-ADVISED FUND**

PROGRAM GUIDE

**In accordance with the Pension Protection Act of 2006, the U.S. Department of Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service will soon be updating regulations for donor advised funds. Agency-proposed changes are due to Congress in May, 2010. When all changes are approved and announced, National Philanthropic Trust will make consequent updates to this program guide.**

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## **Introduction**

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, we would like to thank you for your interest in establishing a donor-advised fund (DAF) with National Philanthropic Trust (NPT).

This Program Guide describes the policies and guidelines of NPT's donor-advised fund program. The Guide also includes important procedures and benefits associated with creating and maintaining your donor-advised fund.

All activities of the donor-advised fund are subject to the terms and conditions of this Program Guide as well as NPT's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. NPT reserves the right to modify this program and this Program Guide at any time subject to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation.

## **About National Philanthropic Trust**

Since 1996, NPT has been dedicated to increasing philanthropy in our society. We help individuals, families, companies and organizations pursue their philanthropic interests to support the causes they care about most, removing administrative burdens and maximizing the effectiveness of their giving.

National Philanthropic Trust (NPT) is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as an independent tax-exempt public charity under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### **Advantages of Working with NPT**

NPT works with you to create individual philanthropic solutions that best serve your interests, goals and needs. Since NPT's professional staff manages the administration and financial reporting of your DAF, you can focus your energy on giving. To support qualified charities throughout the United States and worldwide, you have toll-free access to a team of professionals with over 200 years of combined philanthropic expertise in the fields of grantmaking, planned giving, donor service, and investment management. NPT can assist you with program research and technical issues. We can also offer educational opportunities and share our vast knowledge of the nonprofit sector.

# National Philanthropic Trust Donor-Advised Fund

Contributions to NPT are irrevocable, and donors receive an immediate federal tax deduction up to the maximum amount allowed by law. Contributions to NPT can be made at any time that is most effective for your tax and/or financial planning, while grant recommendations to charitable organizations can be made at a separate time. Your contribution is invested and professionally managed with the potential to grow tax-free and result in greater support of your charitable goals.

## Benefits

As a Donor to NPT, you have the opportunity to:

- **Personalize your DAF** by naming your fund after your family, after a company, in memory of someone, for a specific cause, or any other name that appeals to you.
- **Contribute the widest range of assets** – including cash, appreciated securities, restricted and closely-held stock, limited partnerships, real estate and other tangible assets.
- Receive an **immediate federal tax deduction** for your gift up to the maximum amount allowed by law.
- Recommend **grants on your own timetable**.
- Recommend **grants to qualified charities** in both the U.S. and worldwide.
- Recommend **grants from income and principal**.
- Determine how you would like to be **recognized for each grant** – or **make a grant anonymously**;
- **Maximize the potential of your charitable giving** through expert investment management and tax-free growth.
- **Establish a legacy** in perpetuity by naming successors to your fund.

## Creating a Donor-Advised Fund

### Who May Create a Donor-Advised Fund?

Individuals, families, companies, trusts, estates, and nonprofits are all eligible to open a DAF. The individual or entity that opens an account is the Primary Advisor.

### Opening a Donor-Advised Fund

A fund can be opened by completing a Donor Application and Contribution Agreement, and providing an initial irrevocable contribution of \$25,000 or more. Applications and other forms may be obtained and completed online at NPT's website, [www.nptrust.org](http://www.nptrust.org), or by calling NPT, toll-free, at (888) 878-7900. Once completed, the forms may be mailed or faxed to NPT. Once the fund is established, additional contributions of \$5,000 or more may be made at any time.

### Naming a Donor-Advised Fund

As part of the account opening process, you will be asked to name your DAF. The fund may be named for yourself, your family, your company, a relative, or a friend. It can also be named in memory of a loved one (e.g., "The Jones Family Charitable Fund"). Another option is to choose a name that reflects your particular charitable interest, such as "The Jones Educational Fund."

### Naming a Primary Advisor

The Primary Advisor is typically the primary donor to the account. The Primary Advisor has the authority to recommend grants and investment allocations as well as name and remove Joint Advisors, Secondary Advisors, Financial Advisors, Successors and/or Charitable Beneficiaries to the account. The Primary

Advisor will have online access to view all account information, activity, and statements. All account correspondence will be sent to the Primary Advisor at his/her address of record.

### **Naming a Joint Advisor**

In addition to the Primary Advisor you may name another person (such as a spouse, family member, friend, etc.), to be a Joint Advisor to the account. Each Joint Advisor will have full and equal privileges to recommend grants, to recommend changes to investment allocations, to name and remove Secondary Advisors (see below), Successors and/or Charitable Beneficiaries to the account, and to name and remove additional advisors with the same privileges.

### **Naming Secondary & Financial Advisors**

You may assign Secondary Advisors who will be able to recommend grants from the fund. A Secondary Advisor is usually a child, relative or friend whom the donor believes will recommend grants from the fund that are consistent with the donor's areas of interest. A Secondary Advisor does not automatically become a Successor to the fund (see below). You may also name a Financial Advisor to your fund who will have the authority to recommend investment allocations and grants on the Primary Advisor's behalf.

### **Naming Successor(s) or Charitable Beneficiary(ies)**

You may name one or more Successors or name one or more Charitable Beneficiaries to the account. A Successor gains full responsibility for the account after the death of all of the original Primary and Joint Advisors, including the ability to make contributions, recommend grants, re-allocate investments and name Joint Advisors, Secondary Advisors, Financial Advisors, Successors and/or Charitable Beneficiaries. Charitable organizations may be named as Charitable Beneficiaries if you prefer to have a specific percentage of the account balance annually distributed or, grant the remaining assets in the account to a charitable organization after the death of the Primary and Joint Advisors. If you do not name a Successor(s), or if a Charitable Beneficiary(ies) is not named, the remaining balance will be transferred to the NPT Giving Fund.

### **Updating Advisor and Fund Information**

The Primary or Joint Advisor may add or update any other advisor's contact information; revoke another advisor's fund privileges; change or add fund advisors, Successors, or Charitable Beneficiaries; and make other modifications at any time via the **Donor-Advised Fund Update** form. Donors being added or removed must agree with signed consent on the **Donor-Advised Fund Update** form.

# Contributions

## Contributions are Irrevocable

Once NPT accepts a contribution, it is irrevocable, and NPT retains exclusive legal control over the contributed asset. The contribution qualifies for an immediate tax deduction, subject to IRS regulations. NPT will review and approve all contributions. If a contribution cannot be accepted, you will be notified as soon as possible.

If you have questions about a proposed gift, please call NPT toll-free at (888) 878-7900 on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

## Contribution Process

Depending on the type of asset, different procedures are required. Refer to the **How to Make a Contribution** and **Contribution Agreement** forms, or contact NPT for further guidance.

- **Cash Contributions:** Cash may be delivered by check or wire. Checks should be made payable to National Philanthropic Trust.
- **Publicly-Traded Stock:** Stocks can be transferred (“in kind”) by wire to NPT’s brokerage account. Forms and instructions are included online at [www.nptrust.org](http://www.nptrust.org) or can be obtained by contacting NPT toll-free at **(888) 878-7900**. After NPT receives the appropriate donor-advised fund form and the donated securities, the securities will be sold at the earliest date possible. Thinly-traded or restricted securities may require special treatment and must be pre-approved by NPT. NPT uses its discretion in selling thinly-traded securities without significantly impacting the market price of the security.
- **Mutual Funds:** Mutual fund shares may be contributed by having the shares’ ownership transferred to NPT.
- **Other Property:** Real estate and non-publicly traded assets (e.g. shares of a privately-held company) are considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact NPT toll free at (888) 878-7900 to discuss the details of your contribution.

## Testamentary Gifts and/or Gifts from Trusts

Contributions to NPT can be an important part of your estate planning. A DAF can be the beneficiary of:

- A bequest from a will or other testamentary instrument.
- A retirement plan, such as an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or 401(k) plan.
- A Charitable Remainder Trust and certain Charitable Lead Trusts.
- A life insurance policy.
- A brokerage account or other account allowing for the designation of beneficiaries.

Please contact us for suggested language to use when designating NPT as the beneficiary of such assets or refer to our **Sample Bequest Language** primer. Be sure to consult your tax, legal, or financial advisor when setting up any testamentary gift, trust, or other deferred gift.

## Gifts Accepted

National Philanthropic Trust accepts the widest range of assets of any charitable organization, including:

- Cash
- Publicly-traded stock
- Restricted and controlled stock
- Privately-held stock
- Bonds
- Mutual fund shares
- Real estate
- Proceeds from life insurance
- Transfers from private foundations or other donor-advised funds
- Testamentary gifts
  - Bequests from wills
  - Charitable remainder trusts
  - Charitable lead trusts

## Tax Considerations

As a donor, you are eligible for an itemized income tax deduction on the date that your charitable contribution is made to NPT, subject to the general limitations described below. Your deduction will depend, in part, on the type of asset contributed. This Guide addresses only federal taxes. Rules and regulations regarding tax deductions for charitable giving vary at the state level. Additional rules and regulations may apply with respect to your tax treatment, depending on your circumstances. As always, you should consult your tax, legal, or financial advisor when making a charitable contribution.

### Deduction Limits for Charitable Gifts

You may deduct:

- **Up to 50%** of your adjusted gross income (AGI) when donating cash;
- **Up to 30%** of your AGI when donating securities or property held for more than one year.\*

Any excess deductions may be carried forward an additional five (5) years.

*\* For securities held less than one (1) year, your deduction will be the cost basis of the donated securities.*

- **Cash/Check:** Deductions equal the amount of the contribution.
- **Publicly-Traded Securities:** For publicly-traded securities which have been held for more than one year, the deduction will be the fair market value of the securities, which is the mean of the high and low price reported on the date the contribution is made.
- **Mutual Fund Shares:** For mutual fund shares held for more than one year, the deduction will be the fair market value of the shares contributed, determined by the closing price on the date the contribution is made.
- **Securities that are not publicly traded:** For securities that are not publicly traded, such as closely-held or some restricted securities, which have been held for more than one year, the deduction is the fair market value determined by the donor in a reasonable manner on the date the contribution is made. The IRS may require that you obtain a qualified independent appraisal in certain circumstances.
- **Short-Term Securities:** For securities (both publicly-traded and those not publicly-traded) or mutual fund shares held for less than one year, the deduction is limited to the cost basis or their current market value (whichever is lower).

### Other Deduction Limitations

Under the Internal Revenue Code, deductions for charitable contributions are subject to certain “percentage limitations.” The deduction is limited to a certain percentage of your adjusted gross income (“AGI”) in the year the deduction is taken.

- **Cash:** The value of the entire contribution may be deducted, up to 50% of your AGI, for the tax year in which the contribution is made.
- **Appreciated Securities:** For securities held for more than one year, the full fair market value may be deducted, up to 30% of your AGI.
- **Carry-Forward Deductions:** Any excess tax deduction may be carried forward and deducted an additional five years after the year of the original contribution.

Since NPT is a public charity, the percentage limitations that apply are generally the most favorable charitable deductions available under IRS regulations. Your ability to take itemized deductions may be subject to certain other limitations. Please consult your tax advisor to determine your deduction limits.

NPT will provide you with confirmation of all gifts. Contribution confirmations serve as your receipts. Because these are required by the IRS, they should be kept with your tax records.

## Estate Planning

Contributions to NPT are irrevocable, and any earnings associated with your contribution are outside your estate and therefore not subject to either estate tax or probate. Please consult your legal or tax advisor on how the DAF can best fit into your estate planning.

## Tax Treatment of Donor-Advised Fund Income and Grants

Income from investment growth, dividends, or capital gains that accrues in the account belongs to the DAF, not the donor. Therefore, you cannot be taxed on this income and cannot claim an additional charitable deduction when the income is earned. Income or loss to the DAF will be reflected in the value of each fund and shown in your quarterly statements.

When NPT makes grants to charities based on your recommendations, NPT is granting its own assets. Accordingly, you will not be eligible to take additional charitable deductions for the grants made from the fund. For example, a \$30,000 deduction can be claimed for a \$30,000 contribution. If your DAF account value grows to \$40,000, you are not entitled to any additional deduction. You can, however, recommend grants up to the value of your fund.

## Investment Options

### Investment Selection

NPT wants to provide the best potential investment opportunities to diversify and grow your charitable contributions. To ensure that your gifts to NPT are professionally managed, NPT has carefully selected investment funds for their history of superior performance and their high-quality portfolio managers. Several investment strategies are available, each with different objectives and risk/reward profiles, to meet your investment goals. The Trustees have sole responsibility for investing the donor-advised fund assets and may adjust the composition of the investment pools at any time.

Please review the respective strategy descriptions and investments before making your recommendation. Descriptions and performance information are available on the **Investment Descriptions & Options** form, which can be obtained online at [www.nptrust.org](http://www.nptrust.org).

or by calling NPT toll-free at **(888) 878-7900**. If you do not specify an investment pool, your contributions will be allocated to the Index Fund Conservative Portfolio.

### Allocating Contributions

You have five options for investing your charitable contributions:

#### Option 1: Money Market

This option takes the most conservative investment approach and is most appropriate for donors seeking to preserve their original principal and receive a stable, modest return with low risk.

#### “Best in Class” Investment Options

NPT has identified some of the top performing investment funds from among our financial service partners. Gifts to NPT are professionally managed by institutions that are independently recognized as best in class. Participating institutions include (but are not limited to):

- iShares
- JP Morgan
- Morgan Stanley
- Pitcairn
- UBS

NPT’s Board of Trustees will review investment performance to ensure that each underlying fund is appropriate for each pool’s investment objective.

## **Option 2: Actively Managed Model Portfolios**

This option provides a one-step implementation of a giving plan by offering a multi-asset class approach, which uses actively managed mutual funds. Simply select the portfolio that best matches your giving goals:

- **Conservative Portfolio** (lower risk with lower growth potential).
- **Balanced Portfolio** (low to moderate risk with low to moderate growth potential).
- **Total Return Portfolio** (moderate to high risk with moderate to high growth potential).
- **Growth Portfolio** (higher risk with higher growth potential).

## **Option 3: Index Fund Model Portfolios**

This option provides a one-step implementation of a giving plan by offering a multi-asset class approach using exchange-traded funds. Simply select the strategy that best matches your giving goals:

- **Conservative Portfolio** (lower risk with lower growth potential).
- **Balanced Portfolio** (low to moderate risk with low to moderate growth potential).
- **Total Return Portfolio** (moderate to high risk with moderate to high growth potential).
- **Growth Portfolio** (higher risk with higher growth potential).

## **Option 4: Personal Giving Strategy**

This option provides the opportunity to create a personal giving strategy that meets your specific investment objectives from among our best-in-class mutual funds.

## **Option 5: Investment Advisor Option**

Donors making contributions of \$10 million or more may recommend an independent investment advisor to develop and implement investment strategies for their donor advised fund, subject to NPT's review and approval.

Descriptions and performance information on each model portfolio and the underlying funds are available on the **Investment Descriptions & Options** form, which can be obtained online at [www.nptrust.org](http://www.nptrust.org) or by calling NPT toll-free at **(888) 878-7900**.

# **Investment Allocation Process**

## **Allocation of Units**

Your DAF contributions are allocated, in the form of units, among the investments or investment pools in accordance with your recommendations, as approved by NPT's Investment Committee. Units are issued based on their value at the close of the business day on which NPT receives the cash or proceeds from the sale of securities. "Business day" is defined as each day that the New York Stock Exchange is open for business.

The value of a unit at the end of each business day is determined by dividing the value of each donor-advised fund pool by the number of units outstanding in that pool.

On a quarterly basis, NPT will send a statement to you, reporting on the current value of your fund and activity during that period, including any contributions made to the fund and all grants issued from the fund. Donor-advised fund balances are available every day by accessing your fund online at [www.nptrust.org](http://www.nptrust.org) or by calling NPT toll-free at **(888) 878-7900**.

## **Check/Wire**

The fund will be credited with the number of units equal in value to the cash contribution. The unit value will be determined at the market close on the business day of the contribution.

## **Securities**

The fund will be credited with the number of units equal in value to the net proceeds from the sale of the securities that you contributed. Net proceeds are defined as gross proceeds less brokerage commissions and any other fees.

NPT will seek to sell the securities promptly and obtain the most favorable sales price. Units will be credited to your DAF when the securities are sold. When securities are donated, the initial value of your fund will probably differ from the value of the tax deduction to which you are entitled. This occurs because the securities will likely be sold at a price different from the fair market value on the date of the gift. The value of your contribution (but not the amount of your charitable deduction) is determined on the date in which NPT receives the net proceeds from the sale. This value may fluctuate from the date of the contribution to the date of the sale.

## **Other Property**

For non-publicly traded securities – assets for which no readily liquid market exists – or real estate, NPT will exercise its full discretion over all conditions of the sale, including but not limited to the time and price of sales, in an attempt to maximize sales proceeds. Any costs incurred to dispose of these securities (e.g., legal or appraisal fees) will reduce the net proceeds to your DAF. In most cases, the donor is responsible for securing an appraisal for the illiquid assets.

## **Allocation of Income and Value of Account**

The value of your DAF will fluctuate with market movements. Income earned by the DAF includes interest, dividends and other investment income, including capital gains distributions from investments in mutual funds, in excess of the operating expenses of the DAF. Each unit in the particular investment pool will be allocated its pro rata share of daily income realized by that investment pool, and the income allocation will be reflected in the unit value of that pool. The value of each fund will be the number of units of each pool attributable to that account, multiplied by the unit's current value. The value of a unit for each pool will include realized and unrealized capital gains or losses on the pool's portfolio investments as well as undistributed income attributable to that pool.

## **Reallocating Investments**

After establishing your DAF, you may recommend that the assets be switched from one investment to another. You might consider switching to a more conservative or aggressive strategy, based on your time frame for recommending grants, market conditions or other reasons. You may recommend a new investment strategy by completing the **Investment Re-Allocation** form, which can be obtained online at [www.nptrust.org](http://www.nptrust.org) or by contacting NPT at **(888) 878-7900**.

For information on our most current investment pool allocations, performance, and benchmarks, call NPT toll-free at **(888) 878-7900**.

# Grantmaking

## Recommending a Grant

You and your designated advisors may recommend grants to qualified charitable organizations. Requests for grants can be made online at [www.nptrust.org](http://www.nptrust.org), or by submitting a completed **Grant Recommendation** form. Grant recommendations are subject to the review and approval of NPT's Board of Trustees. Upon receipt of your recommendation, NPT will verify that the charitable organization is eligible to receive the grant (see Accepted Charities and Restrictions below).

If the grant recommendation is not approved, NPT will contact you directly, explain the reasons for declining the recommendation, and provide an alternative solution to satisfy your philanthropic intent. You may also decide whether to submit an alternate grant recommendation.

## Eligible Grant Recipients

Grants can be made to charitable organizations that are tax-exempt under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3) and are public charities under Code Section 509(a). Grants can also be made to private operating foundations as described in Section 4942(j)(3) of the Code. Eligible public charities include the full range of charitable organizations including:

- Museums and arts organizations.
- Schools and educational institutions.
- Environmental organizations.
- Hospitals and health care organizations.
- Scientific and medical research institutes.
- Religious organizations and places of worship.
- Any other organizations or institutions established for charitable purposes.

**Foreign Charitable Organizations:** You may recommend grants to foreign charities. Additional fees will be charged to your fund for the extra due diligence and processing costs. Please contact NPT toll-free at **(888) 878-7900** for a fee schedule and requirements for recommending a grant to a non-U.S. charity.

## Ineligible Grant Recipients

NPT will not approve grants to:

- Individuals.
- Private foundations (except for private operating foundations, as noted above).
- Political campaigns, candidates, or to support lobbying activity.
- Fulfill an existing pledge (an existing pledge is one made before this grant has been approved by NPT).
- Pay for dues, membership fees, tuition, goods from charitable auction, or other goods or services.

## Grantmaking Highlights

When recommending a grant, it is helpful to keep these things in mind:

- Grants are reviewed and approved weekly.
- Grants can be made online, via fax or mail.
- Grants can only be made to qualified charities.
- Each grant must be at least \$250.
- You may receive recognition for your grant or remain anonymous.
- You may recommend that your grant be made on a recurring basis.
- All grant recommendations are subject to the review and approval of NPT's Board of Trustees.

## **Donor Recognition or Anonymity**

When recommending a grant, you may choose a number of ways to be recognized:

- Your donor-advised fund name only.
- Your name and your donor-advised fund name.
- In honor of, or in memory of someone.
- Remain anonymous.

NPT will not release your name and contact information to any recipient charity without your consent.

## **Recurring Grants**

You may recommend that a grant be made on a recurring basis – quarterly, semi-annually, yearly – to a specific charity. Please note that recurring grants may be discontinued for insufficient funds, or if you send NPT a notice to suspend those grants.

## **Allocating Grants from Investment Pools**

If the grant recommendation is approved, NPT will redeem the appropriate number of units from the recommended pool or investment, based upon the next-determined value after the grant is approved. NPT will then distribute the grant funds to the recommended organization.

## **Number of Grants**

NPT currently allows you to make an unlimited number of grants from your donor-advised fund.

## **Grant Minimum**

The minimum grant amount you can recommend is **\$250**. If the amount of a grant recommendation exceeds the total account balance, NPT will ask you to recommend a grant in a different amount or to make an additional contribution into your donor-advised fund.

## **Minimum Account Activity**

If your DAF is dormant for three (3) years (no grant recommendations from the account), NPT will make every effort to contact you, and/or your advisor(s), and/or successor(s) to request that a grant recommendation is made. If you or your representative do not respond within a reasonable time, NPT will transfer the entire fund balance to the NPT Giving Fund.

## **Grant Review and Distribution**

After receipt of your grant recommendation and approval by NPT's Grant Review Committee, NPT makes grants weekly. Grants requiring additional due diligence, such as those designated to foreign charities, may take longer to process.

Grants are made by check and are accompanied by a letter with the recognition you determined in your recommendation (unless anonymity was requested). You may log into your DAF online to follow the status of your grant recommendation until the grant check is cashed by the charity. Quarterly statements will also list your grant recipients and the respective grant amounts for the preceding quarter.

## Fees and Expenses

### Charitable Administrative Fee

Each fund is subject to an annual charitable administrative fee, which is paid to NPT to cover donor-advised fund operating expenses such as grantmaking, recordkeeping, annual audits, tax filing, quarterly statements, and other legal and fiscal responsibilities. The following **blended** fee schedule will be applied to your DAF:

| Asset Value in Donor-Advised Fund | Annual Fee (Basis Points) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| \$25,000 to \$250,000             | 0.85% (85 basis points)   |
| Next \$250,000                    | 0.70% (70 basis points)   |
| Next \$500,000                    | 0.60% (60 basis points)   |
| Next \$1.5 million                | 0.45% (45 basis points)   |
| Next \$2.5 million                | 0.25% (25 basis points)   |
| Next \$5 million                  | 0.15% (15 basis points)   |
| Above \$10 million                | 0.10% (10 basis points)   |

\* An additional tiered pricing schedule will be available for accounts over \$10 million.

### Rate Examples

| Donor-Advised Fund Balance | Effective Ann. Fee (Basis Points) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| \$750,000                  | 0.72% (72 basis points)           |
| \$1,500,000                | 0.61% (61 basis points)           |
| \$3,000,000                | 0.50% (50 basis points)           |
| \$5,000,000                | 0.40% (40 basis points)           |
| \$10,000,000               | 0.27% (27 basis points)           |

### Investment Management Fees

Each investment pool invests in either money market funds, exchange traded funds, or mutual funds that are subject to varying operating and management expenses. Descriptions, fees, and performance information are available on the **Investment Descriptions & Options** form, which can be obtained online at [www.nptrust.org](http://www.nptrust.org) or by calling NPT toll-free at (888) 878-7900.

- For mutual funds in the **Actively Managed Model Portfolios**, total expenses are 0.50% (50 basis points) per year.
- For exchange-traded funds in the **Index Fund Model Portfolios**, total expenses range from 0.27% (27 basis points) to 0.34% (34 basis points) per year.
- For mutual funds in the **Personal Giving Strategy**, total expenses range from 0.60% (60 basis points) to 1.84% (184 basis points) per year depending on the fund.

### Short-Term Account Fee

If 95% or more of all assets contributed to a DAF account are distributed during the first 12 months (from the date the fund is created), NPT reserves the right to charge the fund a special short-term fee equal to 2% of the total value of the assets contributed during that 12-month period.

## Naming Secondary & Financial Advisors

When establishing an account, you may assign Secondary Advisors who may recommend grants from the account. A Secondary Advisor is usually a child, relative or friend that you believe will recommend grants from the account that are consistent with your areas of interest. A Secondary Advisor does not automatically become a Successor (see below). However, you can name a Successor(s) to assume responsibility for the donor advised fund after the death of Primary and Joint Advisors. You may also name a Financial Advisor to your fund, who will have authority to recommend investment allocations and grants on the Primary Advisor's behalf. You may change advisors at any time by completing and returning the **Donor-Advised Fund Update** form to NPT either by fax or mail. If a group of individuals is contributing to a DAF, or if a corporation has established a fund, up to two (2) individuals or officers can be designated to recommend grants from that fund.

## Succession Options

When establishing a DAF, you should specify a succession plan that advises NPT how to treat the assets after the last Primary or Joint Advisor has died. You may choose one of the following succession plan options described below. If no option is chosen, the NPT Giving Fund will be designated as your successor. We recommend reviewing successor information once a year to ensure that it remains consistent with your wishes and to verify that all contact information is current. You may request a change to your succession plan at any time.

### 1. Retaining Assets in the Account and Appointing Account Successors

You may name one or more Successors, including your spouse, a child, or other descendant, heir or representative. A Successor gains full responsibility for the account after the death of the Primary and Joint Advisors, including the ability to make contributions, recommend grants, re-allocate investments, and name advisors and Successors. If the fund is a joint account, succession applies only after the death of the original Primary and Joint Advisors. Therefore, if the Primary Advisor dies, the Joint Advisor(s) retains all privileges to recommend grants and name Successors. NPT must be provided with written notification and proof of the donor's death for succession to take effect. The process of assigning Successors can continue in perpetuity.

### 2. Creating New Program Accounts for Multiple Account Successors

A new DAF account will be established for each individual named as a Successor. If you select this option, the new accounts will be funded equally from the remaining account balance after the death of the Primary and Joint Advisors. Upon assuming Primary Advisor privileges, the Successor(s) may designate their own Successor(s). Successor accounts must be funded with a minimum of \$25,000. Accounts with a balance of less than \$25,000 will have the option to combine assets with another Successor or make additional contributions to reach the \$25,000 minimum within 12 months from the date of notification. Alternatively, Successors may recommend grants equal to the accepted balance within 90 days. If a Successor fails to respond to the notification within 90 days, the Trustees will transfer the balance to the NPT Giving Fund.

### 3. Naming Charitable Beneficiaries

One or more public charities may be designated to be considered for grants from the fund upon the death of the last Primary or Joint Advisor. Charitable Beneficiaries may receive either an annual percentage distribution of the fund balance or the remaining balance of the fund's assets. These organizations are subject to the same grant approval process as grant recommendations made during the Primary and Joint Advisor's lifetime. If a designated organization no longer exists, NPT will make every effort to make a grant to an organization that supports similar purposes.

## NPT Giving Fund

You may request that the assets from your DAF be transferred to the NPT Giving Fund. NPT's Giving Fund is used by NPT to build a permanent fund from which grants will be recommended by our Board of Trustees to support charitable causes throughout the country. Research will be conducted by our staff to identify charitable organizations deserving philanthropic support. Requests for grants are not accepted at this time. If a Successor or Charitable Beneficiary has not been named, a DAF's remaining balance will be transferred to the NPT Giving Fund.

## Reporting and Receipts

### Confirmations and Quarterly Statements

NPT will provide you with confirmation of all contributions made to your DAF. Contribution confirmations serve as your receipts. Because these are required by the IRS, they should be kept with your tax records. Contribution confirmations will also show an estimate of the full, fair market value of the publicly-traded securities contributed. Any fair market value computation is a good faith estimate on the part of NPT, and donors should consult with a tax advisor to determine applicable deductibility.

You will receive quarterly and annual account statements detailing DAF transactions, contributions, grant activity, account balances, and funds available for grantmaking. Online access is available at [www.nptrust.org](http://www.nptrust.org). When logging in to your donor-advised fund, you can view your current balance, your quarterly statements, create a list of your favorite charities, recommend a grant, review the status of your grant recommendations and donations, and download program forms.

### Tax Forms

If required, NPT will provide you with an annual IRS Form 8283, showing an estimate of the fair market value of any contribution of publicly-traded securities. The IRS requires that Form 8283 be completed and filed with your federal income tax returns for property gifts of \$500 or more (including publicly-traded and other securities).

### Financial Reports

NPT will provide you with any other financial reports or information that are required by law.

## Administrative Support

NPT simplifies charitable giving by providing administrative support that helps you pursue your philanthropic objectives meaningfully and effectively. Our Board of Trustees and professional staff strive to provide you with an enriching and engaging experience that allows you to focus your energy on giving. This includes:

- **Online access** to DAF activities, grantmaking tools for researching charities, recommending grants, and more.
- **Personal access** to our vast knowledge of the nonprofit sector.
- **Technical assistance with charitable research** and the management of complex contractual grantee relationships.
- **An information-rich website** with news, articles, and other philanthropy resources.

Please visit our website, [www.nptrust.org](http://www.nptrust.org), or contact us toll-free at **(888) 878-7900** any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., EST.

# Document Library

Below is a list of the most commonly used forms and documents for establishing and administering your donor-advised fund. All of the forms listed below can be downloaded from our website, [www.nptrust.org](http://www.nptrust.org) or can be ordered toll-free at (888) 878-7900.

## To Open a Donor-Advised Fund

- **Donor Application:** Establishes a DAF account. With this form you name your DAF, identify the Primary Advisor, as well as any Joint and/or Secondary Advisors, select how you would like your contributions invested, and determine a succession plan.
- **Contribution Agreement:** Details the type and amount of the contribution.
- **Bequest Gift Notification:** Notifies NPT that a DAF will be established by naming NPT as the beneficiary of will, individual retirement account, charitable trust, or other deferred giving instrument.

## To Donate Assets

- **How to Make A Contribution:** Provides instructions and paperwork for making contributions to new or existing account(s); includes wire and DTC instructions.
- **Contribution Agreement:** Details the type and amount of the contribution.
- **Letter of Authorization:** Authorizes a donation of securities, mutual fund shares, or endorsed security certificates.
- **Sample Bequest Language:** Assists in naming NPT as the beneficiary of a will, individual retirement account, charitable trust, or other deferred giving instrument.

## To Recommend a Grant

- **Grant Recommendation Form:** Informs National Philanthropic Trust of an advisor's wish to recommend a grant from a donor-advised fund account.

## To Update Your Account

- **Update Your Donor-Advised Fund:** Updates your contact information, advisors, and succession plans.
- **Investment Re-Allocation Form:** Lets you recommend a change in the investment allocation of your DAF.

## Other Helpful Documents

- **Investment Descriptions & Options:** Provides descriptions, fees, and performance information on our investment options.
- **Sample Bequest Language:** Assists in naming NPT as the beneficiary of a will, individual retirement account, charitable trust, or other deferred giving instrument.

**Financial information about National Philanthropic Trust can be obtained by contacting us at 165 Township Line Road, Suite 150, Jenkintown, PA 19046, or toll-free at (888) 878-7900, or as stated below.** **Colorado:** Colorado residents may obtain copies of registration and financial documents from the office of the Secretary of State, (303) 894-2680, <http://www.sos.state.co.us/>. **Florida:** A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE, WITHIN THE STATE, 1-800-HELP-FLA. **Georgia:** A full and fair description of the programs and activities of NPT and its financial statement are available upon request at the address indicated above. **Illinois:** Contracts and reports regarding National Philanthropic Trust are on file with the Illinois Attorney General. **Maryland:** For the cost of postage and copying, documents and information filed under the Maryland charitable organizations laws can be obtained from the Secretary of State, Charitable Division, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401, (800) 825-4510. **Michigan:** Registration can be obtained through the Michigan Charitable Trust Section, P.O. Box 30214, Lansing, MI 48909, (517) 373-1152. **Mississippi:** The official registration and financial information of National Philanthropic Trust may be obtained from the Mississippi Secretary of State's office by calling (888) 236-6167. **New Jersey:** Information filed with the Attorney General concerning this charitable solicitation and the percentage of contributions received by the charity during the last reporting period that were dedicated to the charitable purpose may be obtained from the Attorney General by calling (973) 504-6215 and is available online at [www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/ocp.htm#charity](http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/ocp.htm#charity). Registration with the Attorney General does not imply endorsement. **New York:** A copy of the latest annual report can be obtained from the organization or from the Office of the Attorney General by writing the Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271. **North Carolina:** Financial information about this organization and a copy of its license are available from the State Solicitation Licensing Branch at (888) 830-4989. **Pennsylvania:** The official registration and financial information of National Philanthropic Trust may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. **Virginia:** Financial statements are available from the State Office of Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23218. **Washington:** The notice of solicitation required by the Charitable Solicitation Act is on file with the Washington Secretary of State, and information relating to financial affairs of National Philanthropic Trust is available from the Secretary of State, and the toll-free number for Washington residents: (800) 332-4483. **West Virginia:** West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. **REGISTRATION IN THE ABOVE STATES DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION OF NATIONAL PHILANTHROPIC TRUST BY THE STATE.**



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