

2026 Contribution and Grantmaking Deadlines

Reference the dates below to ensure contributions to your donor-advised fund are received in time and your grant recommendations are processed by year end.

To receive 2026 credit for tax purposes in connection with your charitable contributions, NPT must take possession of your contribution by the last day of the year, December 31. **Except as noted below, assets in-transit are not considered received by NPT.**

Contact Us:

Call: (888) 878-7900

Email: nptrust.org

Submit a Contribution Agreement Online:

Visit nptgivingpoint.org

Note: Postmarks are applied at regional USPS processing centers. Postmark date may occur days after a check is mailed.

Contribution Type	Deadline	Action Steps
Credit Card	Submit by 11:59 p.m. ET on December 31	- Existing donors can log in to the donor portal and click Contribute with Credit Card. Note: Once processed, all credit card donations are irrevocable.
Mutual Funds*	Begin the transfer by November 20 Assets must be received by December 31	- Submit a Contribution Agreement to NPT, and submit a transfer request to the financial institution holding the funds. Note: NPT cannot initiate transfers on your behalf.
Stocks, Bonds and ETFs*	Begin the transfer by December 24 Assets must be received by December 31	- Submit a Contribution Agreement to NPT, and submit a transfer request to the financial institution holding the funds. Note: NPT cannot initiate transfers on your behalf.
Money Wire	Begin the transfer by December 24 Funds must be received by December 31	Submit a Contribution Agreement to NPT, and submit a transfer request to the financial institution holding the funds.
Check Make a check made payable to National Philanthropic Trust . Note the DAF name and account number in memo section.	USPS: Ensure your check is postmarked by December 31 FedEx, UPS, etc. (Non-USPS): Ensure your check is delivered to NPT by 3 p.m. ET on December 31 .	- Mail to: Chicago Lockbox NPT Donor-Advised Fund Programs P.O. Box 7412735 Chicago, IL 60674-2735 - Mail to: Bank of America Lockbox Services National Philanthropic Trust 12735 540 W. Madison, 4th Floor Chicago, IL 60661

*The external custodian currently holding the assets may require that you submit a Letter of Instruction to initiate the transfer of the assets; if so, please present originals of the completed Letter of Instruction to the external custodian and not to NPT.

NOTE: The following types of assets require additional processing. Please contact NPT at (888) 878-7900.

Special Securities, Real Estate and Closely Held Stock	Begin the transfer ASAP	• Due diligence can sometimes take up to 8 weeks or longer.
Cryptocurrency	Documentation must be received by December 18 Assets must be received by December 31	• Contact NPT at (888) 878-7900.

Grant Guidelines

If you want a charitable grant to be received by the end of 2026, you should submit your recommendations **as soon as possible** to ensure NPT has enough time to review, approve and send the funds. **If your grant requires due diligence, it may delay the grant.**

	Deadline	Action Steps
For NPT to review, approve and send grant payments in 2026:	Enter grant recommendations by 11:59 p.m. ET on December 16	• Approved grants will be mailed on or before December 31 .
For NPT to have your grant recommendation approved in 2026 with a grant payment sent early in 2027:	Enter grant recommendations by 11:59 p.m. ET on December 21	• Approved grants in 2026 will be mailed on or before January 8, 2027 .

NOTE: We recommend international grant recommendations be submitted by September 30, 2026.