“Bunching” your Giving

Utilizing Donor Advised Funds for optimal tax benefits

Wayne County COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

A donor advised fund (DAF) is simply a fund set up by a donor and administered by a public charity. A donor can establish a DAF, receive an immediate tax benefit that year and then provide guidance on donations given from the fund to nonprofits for as long as the fund exists – donating more money to the DAF as desired.

Standard Tax Deductions 2026

- $16,100 for Single / Married Filing Separately
- $24,150 for Heads of Household
- $32,200 for Married Couples Filing Jointly

With higher standard deductions for taxes starting in 2018, some donors are choosing to bundle their giving in order to continue giving at the same levels as before. This means donating two- or three-years’ worth of giving at one time, claiming the charitable deduction that year, and then waiting that period of time to donate again. One way to bundle is by creating a DAF. This gives the person the option to bundle the donation to their DAF that first year and then continue to support their nonprofits every year from the DAF.

How “Bunching” Works:

YEAR ONE

Donate 2 years-worth of giving to your DAF.

Itemize your deductions.

YEAR TWO

Work with Wayne County Community Foundation to grant from the DAF. Take the standard deduction.

YEAR THREE

Donate 2 years-worth of giving to your DAF.

Itemize your deductions.

Types of Gifts

Gifts of Cash

Donors can now deduct up to 60% of adjusted gross income for contributions of cash—up from 50%. If your cash donations exceed that limit, you can carry forward any unused deductions for five years.

Gifts of Appreciated Stock

When you donate stock, you can deduct the full value of the stock at the time you donate it and avoid tax on the appreciation or capital gains.

Non-cash Assets

You can also donate other non-cash assets, such as real estate holdings or art collections. The charitable deduction will depend on the type of asset and whether it is put to a related use.

Wayne County Community Foundation can help you help your clients achieve their charitable giving goals. We welcome the opportunity to work with you. For more information about giving back to the community through the Wayne County Community Foundation or to discuss ideas with one of our staff members, contact us at 330.262.3877 or contact@wccfoh.org.

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