

Frequently Asked Questions about Faculty and Staff Giving to MU

The MU Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign is the annual fundraising effort that provides both faculty and staff an opportunity to directly impact the MU community through their charitable donations to the University. Gifts made during the Faculty/Staff Campaign stay right here at MU and benefit our students, faculty, staff, facilities, and programs.

Why Should I Give?

MU needs the support of many individuals to carry out its mission. When you give a gift to MU, it shows other donors our dedication to our mission and makes them want to invest too. You can choose the fund or program you wish to support at MU or give an unrestricted gift to benefit the greatest need. More than 95% of our students receive financial aid funded through charitable gifts.

When Can I Give?

The Faculty/Staff campaign is a year-round effort and gifts and pledges may be made at any time. Payroll deduction forms must be received by the Advancement Office by the 15th of the month to be taken out of the monthly payroll processed on the 25th or 10 days before pay date for the biweekly payroll cycle.

Can I Designate My Gift?

Yes! Contributions can be received with or without donor-imposed restrictions. In cases where the donor does not specify a restriction, the contribution is recorded to the MU Fund which is unrestricted to support our area of greatest need or in accordance with the solicitation for which the contribution was requested.

A donor may give a charitable contribution to his/her department and/or special purpose account through the Advancement Office. However, the charitable contribution must be for the benefit of the University or specific department, not for the benefit of the donor or an individual student or other staff member. Please call the Advancement Office if you have questions regarding what is and is not a charitable contribution. Gifts to student organizations or clubs, however, do not count as charitable gifts to MU.

Does my gift have to be used in the same fiscal year?

Generally, charitable contributions restricted by donors to a specific University department that does not have an associated special purpose account, are required to be spent within the same fiscal year. However, due to time limitations, charitable contributions provided late in the fiscal year (ex. June 15) will be held in an Operating Restricted account to be used the following fiscal year. Charitable contributions that are associated with a special purpose account are not required to be spent in the same year.

How Can I Give?

The easiest way to contribute is through payroll deduction. Send your completed payroll deduction form to the Advancement Office for processing. You may also make your gift through our secure online giving form, where you will have the option of making a credit card gift, electronic check gift, or set up a payroll deduction pledge. Credit card gifts are accepted online at donate.methodist.edu or by calling our office at ext. 910.630.7200.

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How Will I Know When My Payroll Deduction Pledge Is Complete?

Please call the Advancement Office at 910.630.7200 or email rmcmillan@methodist.edu to find out when your current payroll deduction is scheduled to end.

What Is The Difference Between A Payroll Deduction Pledge And A Payroll Deduction Recurring Gift?

A payroll deduction pledge is processed for a specific amount money over a specific period. A payroll deduction recurring gift is for a specific amount over an indefinite time period.

Is My Gift Confidential? / Can I Give Anonymously?

The Advancement Office handles your giving information confidentially and with care. If you choose to be anonymous, we will acknowledge your gift with a receipt, but will not include your name in the Annual Report of Donors.

How Will My Gift Be Recognized?

Donors are listed in the Annual Report of Donors, which is published in the fall issue of *MU Today*. If you give a gift to benefit a specific program, the faculty or staff in charge of that program will be notified of your gift. If you establish an endowed scholarship, you will receive an invitation to the annual Endowed Scholarship Luncheon in November and will receive a thank you note from the student receiving the scholarship.

Is My Gift To MU Tax Deductible?

In most cases, 100% of your gift is tax deductible. We follow IRS guidelines when it comes to charitable contributions. If you receive a benefit from your gift such as participation in an event (dinner or tournament), the value of the benefit received will be deducted from the gift. The remaining amount is the charitable portion. Gifts in-kind (tangible personal property: art, equipment) valued at more than \$5,000 require an appraisal. Gifts to benefit the donor or an individual are not tax deductible.

Will I Receive A Receipt For My Taxes?

You will receive a receipt by mail from the Advancement Office indicating the charitable amount of your gift. If you make your gift online, you will immediately receive a confirmation and receipt by email upon the successful submission of your gift.

How Do I Learn More About Including MU In My Will?

There are several ways of giving that can provide financial and other benefits to both you and your family and leave a lasting legacy at MU. To learn more about planned giving opportunities, contact the Advancement Office at 910.630.7200 or stop by the Mallet-Rogers House.

I Can't Give A Large Gift. What Difference Can My Gift Make?

Each and every gift is important. Corporations, foundations, and other donors are more likely to support MU when they see a high percentage of faculty and staff giving, which makes the impact of your gift even greater.