

IRA Charitable Rollover

If you are 70½ years old or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit YWCA and receive tax benefits in return. You can give any amount up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to a qualified nonprofit such as ours without having to pay income taxes on the donation. This popular gift option is commonly called the IRA charitable rollover, but you may also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution, or QCD for short.

There are a number of advantages in making a charitable gift from your IRA, such as:

- Gifts can satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) without increasing your income taxes.
- You will not pay taxes on your IRA withdrawal when gifted directly to YWCA.
- It is a wonderful way to create an immediate impact in the lives of women and families in our community.

How to know if you qualify? Here are the basics:

- You must be 70 ½ years of age or older at the time of the gift.
- Gifts need to transfer directly from your IRA to YWCA by December 31st.
- Gifts must come from a traditional IRA or Roth IRA account (no other retirement plans e.g., 401 (k), 403 (b), qualify).
- Gifts cannot exceed \$100,000 per donor, however, this limit is per taxpayer, so spouses can each give up to \$100,000 from separate IRA accounts.
- The distribution, if not gifted, must otherwise be included in gross income.

To make an IRA Charitable Rollover transfer, or if you have questions, please contact our Associate Director - Major Gifts to discuss your gift.

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Seattle, WA 98101

This document is not intended to be legal or tax advice.
We encourage you to consult your own legal or tax advisor.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. What are the deadlines to complete the gift?

- A. Distributions by wire transfer must be received in YWCA's account by December 31st, or checks post-marked no later than December 31st of the same tax year. Contact your IRA administrator as soon as possible to allow enough time for them to issue your gift before the end of December. [Sample transfer instruction letters are at the end of this document.](#)

Q. I've already named YWCA as the beneficiary of my IRA. What are the benefits if I make a gift now instead of after my lifetime?

- A. By making a gift this year of up to \$100,000 from your IRA, you can see your philanthropic dollars at work and it gives YWCA the opportunity to recognize and thank you during your lifetime.

Q. I have two charities I want to support. Can I give \$100,000 from my IRA to each?

- A. Unfortunately, no. Under the law, you can give a maximum contribution of \$100,000. Any amount greater than \$100,000 in one year must be reported as taxable income.

Q. I have several retirement accounts; some are qualified retirement plans and some are IRAs. Does it matter which retirement account I use?

- A. Yes. Direct rollovers to a qualified charity can only be made from an IRA.

Sample Request from IRA Account Owner (donor) to IRA Administrator for Charitable Distribution from Individual Retirement Account

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this letter as my request to make a direct charitable distribution from my Individual Retirement Account [*account number*].

Please send me the appropriate forms to issue a check or wire transfer from my IRA account in the amount of \$_____ payable to YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish, tax ID number 91-0482890, as follows:

For payment by check, mail to:

YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish
Attn: Development Department
1118 Fifth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

In your transmittal to YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish, please reference my name and address as the donor of record in connection with this transfer and copy me on your transmittal.

If you have any questions or need to contact me, I can be reached at [*your telephone number*].

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
[IRA Account Owner]

Sample Letter from Donor Informing YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish of Forthcoming Qualified Charitable Distribution from IRA Administrator

YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish
Attn: Sarah Hassen
1118 Fifth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Sarah,

It is my pleasure to inform you that I have requested a qualified charitable distribution from my Individual Retirement Account payable to YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish in the amount of \$ _____ from my plan trustee/administrator [name and contact number for IRA Administrator]. This gift is to be allocated for unrestricted purposes.*

Accordingly, upon your receipt of payment from my custodian/administrator, please send me a contemporaneous written acknowledgement that states the amount of my gift, that no goods or services were provided to me by YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish in consideration for this gift, and that my gift will not be placed in a donor advised fund or supporting organization.

If you have any questions or need to contact me, I can be reached at [your telephone number].

Sincerely,

[Your name]

*Please let us know if you have a specific designation for your gift.