

IRA Rollover

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IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER NOW PERMANENT

On December 18, 2015, Congress reinstated and made permanent the law that allows qualified individuals to make tax-free gifts from an individual retirement account, or IRA, directly to a qualified charitable organization. If you qualify, you can make annual gifts from your IRA to benefit LSU this year and in future years. To participate, direct your plan administrator to send your withdrawal to the LSU Foundation in support of your favorite school, college or program.

ELIGIBILITY

To participate, you must:

- be 70 1/2 years or older on the day of the gift
- make a gift of no more than \$100,000 per year per individual account; there is no minimum
- make a rollover from your own IRA, either traditional or Roth open for at least five years (i.e., not an SEP, 401(k) or inherited IRA other than from a spouse); you can also roll a 401(k) into an IRA, then gift it
- make a direct transfer from your IRA custodian to the LSU Foundation
- give funds directly to the LSU Foundation, not through a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust

BENEFITS

Your gift:

- will count toward your minimum required distribution
- is not subject to federal taxes
- will not be subject to the 50 percent deductibility ceiling or 2 percent rule
- will decrease your taxable estate

CONTACT

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SAMPLE LETTER TO IRA ADMINISTRATOR

Dear IRA Administrator:

Please accept this letter as my request to make a qualified charitable distribution from my Individual Retirement Account Number _____, as provided by the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015. Specifically, please issue a check in the amount of \$_____ payable to the following organization at its address set forth below:

LSU Foundation
Attn: Gwen Fairchild
3796 Nicholson Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

In your transmittal to the organization, please include my name and address as the owner of the Individual Retirement Account in connection with this transfer, for the benefit of LSU's [specify purpose/fund]. Additionally, I request that you forward a copy of the transmittal directly to me.

It is my intention to have this transfer qualify for exclusion during the 20__ tax year. Therefore, it is imperative that this distribution be postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 20__.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me immediately at (____)____-____.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
(Plan Owner)



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I've already named the LSU Foundation as the beneficiary of my IRA. What are the benefits of making a gift now instead of after my lifetime?

By making a gift this year of up to \$100,000 from your IRA, you can see your philanthropic dollars at work. You are jump-starting the legacy you would like to leave, with the benefit of watching your philanthropy take shape. You can also fulfill any outstanding pledge you may have already made by transferring that amount from your IRA, up to \$100,000 for the year.

I have several retirement accounts. Some are pensions and some are IRAs. Does it matter which retirement account I use?

Yes. Direct rollovers to a qualified charity can only be made from an IRA. Under certain circumstances, you may be able to roll assets from a pension, profit-sharing, 401(k) or 403(b) plan into an IRA and then make the transfer from the IRA directly to the LSU Foundation. Speak with your plan administrator to determine if a rollover to an IRA is available for your plan.

Do I need to give my entire IRA to be eligible for the tax benefits?

No. You can give any amount under this provision, as long as it is \$100,000 or less for the year. If your IRA is valued at more than \$100,000, you can transfer a portion of it to fund a charitable gift.

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

By law, you can give a maximum of \$100,000 from your IRA. You can give each organization \$50,000 this year, or in any other combination that totals \$100,000 or less. Any IRA gift greater than \$100,000 in one year must be reported as taxable income.

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