



Supporting the Air Force Academy By Using your Individual Retirement Account

A 2015 law passed by Congress permanently authorized the direct transfer from individual retirement accounts (IRA) to qualified charities, of which the Air Force Academy Foundation is included. A 2019 change to the tax laws preserved this opportunity despite other changes to IRAs.

If you are age 70½ or older on the date of the gift, you may make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to us from a standard IRA, not other qualified plans such as a 401k or 403b. Roth IRA transfers are allowed but generally their tax-free earnings negate QCD advantages. QCD gifts exclude that amount from your adjusted gross income, which may result in Medicare premium savings and reduce Social Security taxation.

The 2019 law moved the age at which a required minimum distribution (RMD) becomes effective to 72 for persons who turn 70½ after 31 December 2019. At that point a charitable transfer can consist of your standard IRA's annual RMD, either partially or in its entirety. **Only for tax year 2020, the emergency CARES Act suspended RMD requirements, but still allow QCDs.** Technicalities – the transfer amount cannot also be listed as a charitable deduction on your Federal 1040 Schedule A, and the maximum is \$100,000. If your spouse has an IRA (and is over age 70½), QCD transfers may be also be made from that IRA. For detailed Internal Revenue Service information refer to IRS publication 590b.

If you wish to make a donation from your IRA, it will be necessary for you to contact your IRA administrator. They must transfer it directly to the Air Force Academy Foundation; distributions made to you will result in reportable income. The two methods of transfer are:

- A check from your IRA administrator, payable to “Air Force Academy Foundation” and sent to 3116 Academy Drive, USAF Academy CO 80840. Our Federal tax identification number is 26-0537053
- A wire or DTC transfer – please contact us for specific instructions

So we can track your gift intention for proper crediting to your record, please inform us of the amount and origination of the transfer, as some IRA administrators tend to send their checks without notation. It is also possible to make a multi-year pledge and use annual IRA transfers to satisfy your commitment. For those persons who can participate in a corporate matching gift program, an IRA gift qualifies.

For more information on using this gift-giving method, contact the Office of Gift Planning at the Air Force Academy Foundation legacy@afacademyfoundation.org or 719.472.2059

Thank you for your support of our Academy!

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