

F8 -Policies: Flow Through, Designated and Legacy Funds

Although most gifts to LEAF will be to the general LEAF Endowment Fund to benefit all District 742 programming for academics or student activities, there are special circumstances when gifts can be designated by the donor. LEAF will encourage and allow donors to make designated gifts to student activities or other educational programs within the following guidelines.

The LEAF Board reserves the right to negotiate the timing of distributions and other aspects of the gift before final approval of all gifts.

Flow-Through Gift

- A donor may use this option to distribute funds to the academic or activity program(s) of his or her choice. The gift is given to LEAF which will distribute the funds to an activity or educational program(s) based on the wishes of the contributor.
- A one-time administrative fee, not to exceed 2% of gift *may* be required. As of July 1, 2021 no fee has been charged.

Designated Flow-Through Fund

- Fund must be approved by LEAF Board of Directors
- Ongoing fund in support of identified District academic, activities, arts, or athletic program
- Funds are maintained in LEAF operating fund and expended as needed in support of the identified program.
- As above, a one-time administrative fee may be required.

Legacy Fund

- \$25,000 minimum, which can be pledged over a maximum of 5 years.
- Legacy Funds are approved by LEAF's Executive Committee
- Donor can submit a name for the fund.
- This is a gift that stays with the LEAF Endowment but can be set up to benefit a specific activity or educational program or used to support the general grants allocated through the normal LEAF granting process.
- As per the LEAF Endowment policy, 5% of the received gift of \$25,000 or more will be granted annually in the name selected by the contributor and/or to a specific activity or academic program as identified by the contributor.
- Investments gains over 5% remain in the LEAF endowment to benefit all District 742 academic or activities programming.
- While it is the intention of LEAF to return 5% to the program selected by the donor(s), if the LEAF investments suffer two or more consecutive years of greater than 5% loss, the LEAF Board reserves the right to adjust the payout on the fund in a manner that is consistent with the intent of the agreement and reflective of market returns.
- Unless the gift accounts for the interest in the first year of the gift, grant distributions shall begin at the end of the following fiscal year. (See Legacy Fund Agreement Template)

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