



South Schuylkill Unified



A simple way to support local progress.

Giving Through a Donor - Advised Fund

What is a DAF?

A donor-advised fund, or DAF, is a charitable giving account held by a sponsoring 501(c)3 organization, such as a community foundation or national charitable sponsor. When a donor gives to a DAF, the sponsoring organization has legal control of the funds, and the donor may recommend grants to qualified nonprofits. In most cases, the original DAF is irrevocable.

Why do people use donor-advised funds?

Many donors choose donor-advised funds because they make giving easy, flexible, and organized. A DAF allows donors to support the causes they care about in a simple and thoughtful way. Donors receive an immediate tax benefit.

How does it work?

You make a gift to your donor-advised fund. You recommend a grant to South Schuylkill Unified. Your DAF sponsor reviews the request. If approved, the grant is sent to South Schuylkill Unified.

Important things to know

A donor-advised fund grant is different from a direct gift. The grant comes from the sponsoring organization, such as Vanguard Charitable or Fidelity Charitable, not directly from the donor. DAF grants must be used for charitable purposes, and IRS guidance addresses prohibited donor benefits in connection with donor-advised funds. As a best practice, DAF grants should not be used for event tickets, auction purchases, memberships with more than incidental benefits, or anything else that gives a personal benefit to the donor. For more information, please visit <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations/donor-advised-funds>.

Before recommending a grant

Please check with your donor-advised fund sponsor to confirm for you that we can use your grant for your intended purpose and all sponsor instructions are followed.

Questions?

Please contact us at deberhart@southschuylkillunified.com. We would be happy to provide our EIN and mailing address and anything else you need to get started.