

Cash Gifts

Gifts made by cash, checks or credit cards are the most common ways of making a contribution to the Arapahoe Community College Foundation. These are often gifts made for current areas of need, but they also can be used to endow a fund or designated to support programs of the College.

- Send a donation with your name and address to:
Arapahoe Community College Foundation
5900 South Santa Fe Drive
P.O. Box 9002
Campus Box 43
Littleton, CO 80160-9002
- Fill out the donation form online and mail with your donation to:
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5900 S. Santa Fe Drive
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- Call in a credit card number and expiration date to: 303.797.5881
or use our Secure Form to make a contribution online.
- E-mail your information to: courtney.loehfelm@arapahoe.edu

Honor and Memorial Gifts

Honor and memorial gifts are thoughtful ways to express your sentiments on a special occasion or to memorialize a loved one. The ACC Foundation Honor and Memorial Gifts Program offers an easy and meaningful way to extend condolences and/or congratulations to friends and family members throughout the year.

- Honor Gifts can be given to celebrate:
 - Graduations, birthdays, anniversaries, or weddings.
 - Mother's Day, Father's Day, or Grandparents' Day
 - A retirement, birth, or job promotion.
- Memorial Gifts are thoughtful ways of remembering friends and family members.

The ACC Foundation will send an acknowledgement to the person being honored, or to the family of the person being memorialized. Please include the correct spelling of the person's name you are recognizing, as well as the name and address to whom the acknowledgement should be sent.

If you have any questions, please contact the ACC Foundation at 303.797.5881.

Matching Gifts

You can double—or even triple—the value of your gift to the ACC Foundation. Just check below to see if your employer matches their employees' charitable contributions.

Corporations that provide a matching gift program establish their own guidelines with respect to employee eligibility, qualifying recipient organizations (such as the ACC Foundation), and the minimum/maximum contribution that can be matched. Generally, a corporation will match dollar for dollar, but some may match at a higher rate.

As a supporter of the ACC Foundation, we encourage you to explore and use this method of contributing. If you are interested in procuring a match for your charitable contribution, please contact your employer's Human Resources Department. They can give you a matching gift application form. Fill out the donor part of the form, and then send it along with your gift to the ACC Foundation. We will take care of processing and returning your application to your employer.

Are you a retired employee? Ask if the company will match your gift as a retiree. Many companies will match your donation to the ACC Foundation. Is your company listed as a potential matching gift company?

Stocks, Bonds and Mutual Funds

Stocks, bonds and mutual fund shares that have been held long term (i.e., held for more than a year and a day), and have appreciated in value, can provide the ACC with a significant contribution. With a gift of securities, you will owe no capital gains taxes and you will be able to claim an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of the asset at the time of the gift.

You also can make a tax-effective gift using securities that have decreased in value. By selling shares and donating the proceeds to the College as a cash gift, you can get a tax deduction for the charitable gift, as well as deduct any losses on your income tax return.

To Make a Gift Later: Planned Gifts

Planned Gifts include the giving options listed below.

Gifts of Retirement Plan Assets

Gifts from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA), 401(k) plan, Keogh plan, or other qualified retirement savings plan can be highly advantageous to both you and Arapahoe Community College.

If you intend to leave these assets to anyone other than your spouse, they could be the most heavily taxed of all your assets through both income and estate taxes. By naming the College as a beneficiary of your retirement plan assets, you can make a contribution and potentially save significant taxes for your heirs.

Gifts through Wills

Gifts made through wills or living trusts (bequests and other types of testamentary arrangements) can provide considerable support for the College, while helping reduce estate taxes. You can direct that your gift be in the form of cash or a specific asset. You also can set a dollar amount or designate a percentage of your estate to the College in your trust or will.

Life Income Gifts

While many want to make a significant gift to the College, they often feel they cannot afford to give up current income from their assets. It is possible to make gifts to Arapahoe Community College that will allow you and/or another beneficiary to receive income for life.

These types of gifts include charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts. You can earn an income tax deduction and reduce estate taxes. When the last beneficiary of a life income gift passes, the remainder then comes to the College.

Charitable Lead Trusts

Charitable lead trusts can be an appealing means of transferring assets to your heirs at reduced, or even eliminated, gift or estate tax costs, while providing immediate support to the College. The lead trust pays income to the College for a set period of years, at the end of which the trust's assets revert either to the donor or to your heirs.

Life Insurance

A gift of an old unneeded policy, or of a new life insurance policy, can help leverage a relatively small outlay on the part of the donor into a very significant gift for the College. Flexibility in arranging the gift can be attractive.

For example, you can simply name the College as the beneficiary of a policy, which will allow you to maintain ownership. Or, you can sign over the policy to the College as the owner and beneficiary, thus maximizing your charitable tax benefits.

Real Estate

Gifts of real estate can take various forms, including the outright gift of a home, building, or property; or a retained life estate arrangement in which you make a gift of your residence to the College today, but continue to live in it. Such gifts provide a substantial contribution to the College while giving you tax benefits, such as savings on capital gains and estate taxes.