



# Donor Advised Funds

The Community Foundation of New Jersey (CFNJ) offers individual and family fundholders an enriched experience and responsive support — on top of the maximum tax deduction for contributions.

We listen to our fundholders and are available to advise them on how to translate their passions and gifts into impact.

## Getting started is easy.

Individual and family donors enter into a simple letter of agreement with CFNJ to establish a fund. Our staff assists donors with the process and is available to answer additional questions. To open a fund, donors:

- 1 **MAKE** a contribution to CFNJ and take a tax deduction in the year in which they make the contribution, using assets that make the most sense
- 2 **CHOOSE** the name of their fund
- 3 **RECOMMEND** a preferred investment for their fund

Fundholders may recommend grants to charities at any time. There is no limit to the number of grants that may be issued in any given year.

For a full fund agreement, visit [cfnj.org](https://cfnj.org) and click "Open a Fund."

## Deduction limits

Donors may be eligible for the maximum tax deduction for their charitable contribution:

- Cash equivalents: up to 60%\* of Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)
- Long-term appreciated securities: up to 30%\* of AGI, generally deductible at Fair Market Value (FMV)
- Other long-term appreciated assets: up to 30%\* of AGI, generally deductible at FMV

## Assets accepted

- Cash equivalents (by check or wire) and securities (including restricted stock).
- Special assets, such as real estate and illiquid assets, may be accepted. Please contact us in advance at **973.267.5533** or [info@cfnj.org](mailto:info@cfnj.org).

## Investment options

CFNJ offers maximum flexibility for investing dollars in a fund. Learn more about investment options at [cfnj.org/investmentoptions](https://cfnj.org/investmentoptions).

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## Supporting charities, causes, and ideas

Fundholders may:

- Donate assets that make the most sense from a tax perspective, and then support multiple charities from a single contribution to the fund
- Recommend grants to any qualified public charities in the United States and across the globe
- Fund their own unique projects, such as designing a playground or conducting a health assessment in a community
- Recommend grants online, over the phone, or by fax or mail
- Customize a grant recommendation for a purpose, such as “in memory of”
- Set up recurring grant recommendations
- Participate in CFNJ's seminars and events to learn about important community issues and the most effective ways to give back

## Recognition or anonymity

The Community Foundation prepares customized correspondence for grants from fundholders and issues grants to the recommended charities.

We ask charities to acknowledge the fundholder, or CFNJ can make grants anonymously upon a fundholder's request.

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## Involving family

Fundholders may name successor advisors for their funds, recommend that the remaining assets go to specified charities, or ask the Community Foundation to steward their charitable legacy into the future.

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## Administration

We offer a range of fees based on the size of a fund; as the fund size grows, the administrative fee is reduced. CFNJ fees directly benefit the community and support many worthwhile projects and initiatives that make New Jersey a better place.

Investment expenses range depending on the selected investment pool.