



Tax-Free Giving

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

Anyone over the age of 70 1/2 who owns an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) can make a **tax-free contribution** to the Adams County Historical Society through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

With the higher IRS standard deduction levels, many taxpayers are no longer able to deduct charitable donations from their taxable income. A QCD IRA Withdrawal is not included in income, so is not affected by deduction limitations.

Some major advantages:

- The QCD portion of an IRA withdrawal is excluded from taxable income, even if deduction limits do not allow for itemizing on the tax return.
- QCDs can be used to satisfy a taxpayer's annual RMD (required minimum distribution).
- Each spouse can give *tax-free donations* to as many charities as they wish, with total annual donations capped at \$100,000 per person.

Consider making a QCD as a tax-advantaged way of supporting the Adams County Historical Society every year!

Some important information:

- The donor must be over 70 1/2 at the time the distribution is authorized.
- QCD Funds may only come from an IRA or inherited IRA; not an employer plan, SEP, or SIMPLE.
- Funds must be made payable to ACHS, not to the donor. The IRA custodian can send the check directly to us, or they can mail it to the donor for personal delivery by them.
- ACHS will generate a special acknowledgment letter to the donor, indicating the QCD status of the donation, which must be retained as backup to claim the tax exemption.
- For more information, talk to your IRA custodian or Financial Advisor.

ACHS is a registered, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with EIN# 23-7258494. All gifts are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. No goods or services are provided in return for charitable donations.

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