

Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA

What You Need to Know

This charitable giving provision became permanent in 2015 and allows individuals over age 70½ to gift up to \$108,000* per year from their Individual Retirement Account (IRA) directly to Norwich.

- The IRA trustee must make the distribution payable to "Norwich University." Some trustees will send the check to donors and others will send it to Norwich.
- The donor must be age 70½ or older at the time of the distribution.
- The distribution is limited to a maximum of \$108,000* per taxpayer per year.

 Note: This means each spouse may gift up to \$108,000* per year from their respective IRAs.
- Gifts may fulfill some or all of the donor's annual required minimum distribution, without having to claim a taxable distribution on their tax return.
- No charitable deduction is allowed for this gift because the distribution is not taxable.
 Allowing a charitable deduction would create a double benefit.
- Other retirement plans (401k, 403b, etc.) are eligible for gifting if they can be converted to an IRA beforehand. Only gifts from an IRA meet the requirements.
- Since this gift is not considered a taxable distribution, it will not trigger other taxes or limit itemized deductions.
- Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA removes a taxable asset from your estate.
 Since IRAs are subject to both income and estate taxes after your death, your beneficiaries could lose up to 62.2% of your IRA balance. QCD lets you, the donor, control how your dollars will be spent.
- * dollar amount adjusts for inflation on a tax year basis.

Your Instructions

The process to make a gift to Norwich begins with calling your IRA custodian/trustee/administrator and informing them that you would like to make a charitable contribution to Norwich University from your IRA. They will ask you to complete a "Check Request Form" with an amount. Norwich's tax ID # is 03-0179-424. The IRA custodian must make the distribution payable to "Norwich University." Please instruct the custodian to send the check to: Norwich University, ATTN Planned Giving, 158 Harmon Drive, Northfield, VT 05663

Once you have initiated this process, it is recommended to please notify the Director of Planned Giving, Megann O'Malley by calling (802) 485-2282 or email at momalley@norwich.edu. She will track your gift to ensure it is properly handled to meet your wishes.