

Making a gift to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
through a Charitable Foundation or Donor Advised Fund

Leadership level members and members of the 1827 Society may elect to pay their annual membership dues through a charitable foundation or donor advised fund. However, IRS rules significantly restrict such payments and the IRS prohibits the conveyance of any tangible benefits or services in exchange for the grant from their foundation or donor advised fund.

As a result of the IRS rules, in situations where membership dues are paid by a charitable foundation or donor advised fund, PHS cannot offer the individual member any tangible benefits. It can only offer benefits with no tangible value, including invitations to receptions, lectures, and garden visits.

Tickets to fundraising events and to the Philadelphia Flower Show may not be provided to donors in exchange for gifts from foundations or donor advised funds, and members will be required to purchase these with a personal payment for the full value. Please note that the personal payment amount cannot be subtracted from the foundation or donor advised fund grant amount, as bifurcated payments are not allowed.

Questions about the policies of your specific donor advised fund can be directed to your fund advisor. If you would like to speak with someone about membership benefits or charitable giving at PHS please call 215-988-8894.