

DONOR ADVISED FUND OR PRIVATE FOUNDATION?

Choosing a vehicle for your charitable giving doesn't need to feel confusing. The choice between a Donor Advised Fund or Private Foundation may come up as you seek tools that improve your overall giving experience. Both vehicles are widely used, but **which one is right for you?** Below is a comparison chart of the two:

FAQ	DONOR ADVISED FUND	PRIVATE FOUNDATION
What is my tax deduction for gifts of cash?	Up to 60% of Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)	Up to 30% of Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)
What is my deduction for gifts of publicly traded securities?	Fair Market Value, up to 30% of AGI	Fair Market Value, up to 20% of AGI
What is my deduction for gifts of real estate or other assets?	Fair Market Value, up to 30% of AGI	Cost basis, up to 20% of AGI
Are contributions anonymous?	Yes	No, contribution activity is publicly available
Are there ways to grant anonymously?	Yes, all grants are vetted by Cru Foundation and may be advised to be issued anonymously	No, grant activity is publicly available and searchable
What is my role? Who controls it?	Cru Foundation controls the Fund and donors recommend grants.	Board controls. Also manages operations and all administration (tax returns, verification of grantees, etc.)
What expenses are typical?	\$0 startup fee, 0% administration fees, investment management fees around 0.5% annually	Setup and legal fees, ongoing accounting fees, tax filings, investment related expenses, excise taxes on investment earnings, administration costs
Startup considerations?	Quick application, up to 2 business days but often sooner	Legal filings and fees, often several weeks
Can the contributed money be invested until it is distributed?	Yes, Cru Foundation offers multiple investment profiles	Yes, investment options
Is there an annual required distribution?	No, there is no required distribution timeline	Yes, 5% annual distribution is required
Can I pay for travel, expenses related to charitable activities, staff, individuals or family?	No, grants may only be advised to qualified 501(c)(3) tax exempt organizations	Most likely, subject to IRS guidelines
Testamentary and Succession Options?	Yes, flexible options based on your wishes and advisement	Yes

ALREADY HAVE A PRIVATE FOUNDATION?

The decision between the two giving vehicles doesn't need to be mutually exclusive. A Great Commission Donor Advised Fund makes a great compliment to your Private Foundation, providing anonymity and an easier way to advise grants to the ministry work that you love and support. If you are considering transitioning your Private Foundation into a Donor Advised Fund, our team can answer questions about completing that as well.

PLEASE REACH OUT WITH ANY QUESTIONS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU.



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