



What is a qualified charitable distribution (QCD)?

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a distribution of funds from your IRA (other than a SEP or SIMPLE IRA) directly to a qualified charitable organization, such as the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites. Because the gift goes directly to the charity without passing through your hands, the dollar amount of the gift may be excluded from your taxable income up to a maximum of **\$100,000** annually, with some exceptions. Please consult your tax advisor for information regarding your specific exceptions. [To learn more about QCDs, please visit IRS.gov »](#)

Who can make a qualified charitable distribution?

QCDs can be made by IRA owners who are age 70 1/2 or older. QCDs made prior to the age you are required to take a minimum distribution from your retirement assets (Pre-Required Minimum Distribution QCDs) will not reduce or otherwise impact future Required Minimum Distribution. Your tax advisor can provide additional information. Many Hoosiers who are required to take money from their IRA but do not need it for living expenses have chosen to make QCDs from their IRAs to support the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites' work to serve as a catalyst for lifelong learning by connecting the stories of real people, places and things. This may make sense for you too! [To learn more about eligibility, please visit IRS.gov »](#)

How do I make a qualified charitable distribution to the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites?

Your QCD must be made directly from your IRA custodian to the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites on your behalf. Each financial institution has its own process for initiating a qualified charitable distribution. Many retirement plan administrators require you to use their distribution forms and comply with other requirements, so follow your financial institution's forms and procedures to ensure you receive any potential tax benefits associated with this gift.

Get started by [completing our rollover gift initiation form](#), which you can email to IRA trustee, who will complete your distribution.

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