

Sweet Home Alumni Foundation

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P.O. Box 83
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Established 1992

LEAVING A LASTING GIFT

Our Mission

The mission of Sweet Home Alumni Foundation is to inspire, support and positively impact Sweet Home High School graduates by providing them scholarships for higher education.

Our Vision

We envision a future where we further the aspirations of the Sweet Home graduates by investing in scholarships for higher education to ensure a healthy, vibrant future for generations to come.

About Sweet Home Alumni Foundation

Sweet Home Alumni Foundation (SHAF) is recognized by the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) as a non-profit organization that administers funds established through gifts and bequests from individuals, businesses and other organizations. SHAF defines its borders as the same as those of the Sweet Home School District.

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SHAF offers a number of options for donors to achieve their philanthropic objectives. Generally, the donor and SHAF enter into a contract agreement that describes the charitable gift, outlines the administrative procedures and defines the philanthropic objectives of the gift. Donor contracts must follow the general guidelines laid out in our Scholarship Program Agreement For Endowed Funds.

A copy of SHAF's Scholarship Agreement For Endowed Funds may be provided upon request.

In addition to criteria established by the SHAF Board of Directors, donors may designate additional criteria, such as field of study, for their endowed fund. A fund agreement can be tailored to provide donor recognition or anonymity.

SHAF is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The board represents a wide cross-section of demonstrated leadership in community affairs and interest. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors is to assure that each permanent fund is managed in an efficient, thoughtful way in perpetuity.

We hope you find that donating or creating a named, permanently endowed fund within SHAF to be a positive way to further the aspirations of the Sweet Home graduates.

Why Give Through SHAF?

Permanence

A donor who sets up an endowed fund creates a fund that will be managed in perpetuity and will serve their intended purpose. Scholarship recipients are selected by our Scholarship Committee and awards are sent directly to a college, university or trade school of their choice within the United States.

Recognition

By establishing a named endowed fund with SHAF, a donor can give his or her family name a place in the philanthropic history of the greater Sweet Home area. All scholarships made from the fund are identified to the recipients as coming from the donor's fund (unless anonymity is requested) and SHAF.

Financial Management

SHAF recognizes that endowment funds exist to provide a perpetual revenue source for scholarship distributions. The funds are professionally managed by a registered investment institution under the direction of the Finance Committee appointed by the SHAF Board of Directors. Funds are closely monitored to ensure that decisions are prudent and produce reasonable rates of return.

A copy of the SHAF Investment Policy is available upon request.

Tax Benefits

Donors to SHAF may be eligible to receive various tax advantages. The extent of these tax advantages will depend on the particular circumstances of each donor. Please consult your personal financial advisor, accountant and/or attorney for advise on how your gift to The Sweet Home Alumni Foundation can best fit your specific circumstances.

How to setup an endowment

Endowment Fund:

A minimum gift of \$15,000 can establish an endowed fund. This pledge may be paid in one lump sum or with a minimum initial contribution of \$1,500. A minimum annual contribution of \$1,500 is required until the endowment level is reached. The fund will be considered *non-endowed* until the endowed level is reached and will not benefit from potential investment earnings. By establishing an endowed fund, the donor is able to set guidelines approved by the SHAF board for use of the earnings from the endowed fund.

Non-Endowed Fund:

Gifts of \$500 minimum are required to establish a non-endowed fund. This fund is generally temporary in nature and awarded annually until the balance is expended, or it's saved until it reaches the endowment level. Once a non-endowed fund reaches \$15,000 it will become endowed.

The General Fund:

The donor may choose to make a gift or bequest for the broad charitable purposes of the Foundation. The SHAF scholarship committee may award scholarships from these funds to graduates of Sweet Home High School based on general eligibility requirements. No minimum donation amount is required.

Ways to Give

There are many ways to make a meaningful contribution to the Sweet Home Alumni Foundation. Here are some ways to give:

Cash Gifts: A common way to give is by sending a check to The Sweet Home Alumni Foundation at P.O. Box 83, Sweet Home, OR 97386. It is a quick and easy way to give and may provide an immediate income tax deduction.

Online Gifting: You can also use our online donation tool to make one time, monthly or annual donations. Please visit our website at SHAFGIVES.ORG.

Employer Gifting:

If you are employed, please check with your employer to see if they have a corporate matching gift program. Many employer will generously match employee contributions.

Gifts of in Kind Securities:

Transferring securities to the Sweet Home Alumni Foundation may provide some tax benefits. Gifting appreciated securities may give you a tax benefit and provide an avoidance of capital gains tax on appreciated securities.

Please consult with your own financial advisor, tax advisor or attorney regarding these potential tax benefits.

Gifts of Real Estate:

Property lots, homes, condominiums, farm acreage and other real estate holdings make ideal charitable gifts. Such a gift may provide an income tax deduction for the fair market value of the property, and may eliminate capital gains taxes on a property that has increased in value since purchase. A "bargain sale" of real estate holdings to the Foundation is another possibility and may provide a reduction in capital gains taxes and/or partial income tax deduction. All gifts are subject to board approval.

Please consult with your own financial advisor, tax advisor or attorney regarding these potential tax benefits.

Bequest or Estate Gift:

You may include the Sweet Home Alumni Foundation in your Will or Trust (for a certain amount, a percentage of your estate or a share of the residue) as a beneficiary. A donor may create or add to an established endowed fund or non-endowed fund by specifying the details in your Estate Documents. Bequests may be deductible for Federal Estate and Oregon Inheritance Tax purposes. To assure a mutual understanding, donors are encouraged to review gifting strategies within Wills and Trusts with SHAF. For more information please see our Investment Policy Document.

The Investment Policy Document may be provided upon request.

Please consult with your own financial advisor, tax advisor or attorney regarding these potential tax benefits.

Gift of Life Insurance:

You may be able to contribute a life insurance policy you no longer need, and/or name SHAF as a beneficiary. You may receive a current income tax deduction and possible future tax deductions through gifts to pay policy premiums.

Please consult with your own financial advisor, tax advisor or attorney regarding these potential tax benefits.

Gift of Retirement Plan Assets:

Gifting of Retirement Plan assets may allow you to avoid taxation on IRA or other qualified employer/employee plan distributions. You may name the Sweet Home Alumni Foundation as the beneficiary to your retirement accounts. This may provide a tax advantage to your estate and heirs.

Please consult with your own financial advisor, tax advisor or attorney regarding these potential tax benefits.

Gifts from Individual Retirement Accounts:

For taxpayers over the age of 72 required minimum distributions (RMDs) from Qualified Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) can be made directly to charity and may avoid income taxes on the distribution. Contact your IRA account administrator to arrange for a distribution directly from your IRA to The Sweet Home Alumni Foundation. Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) remains at age 70 ½ while the RMD age is 72.

Please consult with your own financial advisor, tax advisor or attorney regarding these potential tax benefits.

Private Foundation:

Private foundations may transfer their assets to SHAF to establish an endowed fund or make a donation to the general fund. In either case, the private foundation's name may be retained. This transfer may have the ability to avoid taxes and/or penalties.

Please consult with your own financial advisor, tax advisor or attorney regarding these potential tax benefits.

Charitable Remainder Trust:

A charitable remainder trust (CRT) is an irrevocable trust that generates a potential income stream for you as the donor to the CRT and/or other named beneficiaries. With the remainder of the donated assets going to your favorite charity or charities. This strategy may be used when you hold investments with substantial unrealized capital gains. This charitable gifting strategy may generate income and may enable you to pursue your philanthropic goals simultaneously. Charitable trusts can

offer flexibility and some control over your intended charitable beneficiaries; as well as lifetime income, potentially helping with retirement, estate planning and tax management.

Please consult with your own financial advisor, tax advisor or attorney regarding these potential tax benefits.

Charitable Income (Lead) Trust:

A charitable lead trust is an irrevocable trust designed to provide financial support to one or more charities for a period of time, with the remaining assets eventually going to family members and/or other beneficiaries. Charitable lead trusts are often considered to be the inverse of a charitable remainder trust. This can offer flexibility and some control over your intended charitable beneficiaries; as well as lifetime income, potentially helping with retirement, estate planning and tax management.

Please consult with your own financial advisor, tax advisor or attorney regarding these potential tax benefits.

For more information on gift acceptance please see our Gift Acceptance Policy, a copy of this document may be provided upon request.

Scholarship Spending Policy

For restricted endowed funds, a three-year rolling average market value adjusted annually for inflation will establish the basis for subsequent annual distribution maximums. For more information please see our Scholarship Spending Policy located in our Investment Policy Document.

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Administrative Charges

SHAF may assess an administrative fee on aggregate assets; not to exceed 2% to offset administrative, investment expenses and governmental fees. Donors may be expected to cover costs in gifting assets or establishing a new fund.

Please consult your personal financial advisor, accountant or attorney to get advice on how your gift to Sweet Home Alumni Foundation can best fit your objectives. All gifts are subject to board approval.

For more information, please contact:

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