

How to Start a Fund

The Process

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FIND YOUR PASSION

Education, environment, arts, health services... from the highly specific to simply "general charitable purposes," whatever you care about, we can help.

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ALIGN YOUR PASSION TO A SPECIFIC FUND TYPE

We offer a number of fund options, and our staff is happy to advise you on the advantages of each fund type.

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NAME YOUR FUND

After completing a simple fund agreement, choose a name that identifies you, your family, your corporation or cause. It's entirely up to you. You may also choose to remain anonymous.

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COMPLETE A SIMPLE FUND AGREEMENT

We provide a simple agreement that spells out the parameters of the fund, identifies any successors and covers all legal and accounting requirements.

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ACTIVATE YOUR FUND WITH AN INITIAL GIFT

We offer multiple giving options and can accept a variety of assets, including cash, stock, real estate, bequests and retirement plans, among others.

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INVESTMENT IMPACT

Stanislaus Community Foundation invest all assets into a common pool so contributions are leveraged for maximum impact. Our five-year rate of return on investments is 8%.



Once you establish your fund, you may:

- Add money to the fund at any time, in any dollar amount.
- Utilize our online system to manage your account.
- Specify how grant disbursements should be acknowledged. You may make grants using your fund name or you may remain anonymous.
- Make grants to any nonprofit organization in the United States.