

GIVING THROUGH YOUR IRA: MAXIMUM IMPACT, MAXIMUM BENEFIT

Power in Planning

Sierra Club's strength has always come from its people, and every victory that the Tennessee Chapter has achieved started with a bold plan. That same spirit of foresight and collective action can help shape a healthy future for all of us—starting with the personalized plans we make today.

When you make a gift to the Tennessee Chapter via Sierra Club Foundation through your Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you're taking meaningful action today that will ensure lasting protection for Tennessee tomorrow. These gifts support education, advocacy, conservation, and ensuring more people have access to our great outdoors.

A Wise Way to Give

If you are 70 ½ or older, you have the option to make donations to Sierra Club Foundation directly from your IRA. These gifts are known as Qualified Charitable Distributions, also referred to as “charitable rollovers.”

If you are 73 or older, you can use a QCD to satisfy a portion or the entirety of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year. You can donate up to \$108,000 per year via QCDs.

Giving through your IRA is a wise way to support the work you care about at the Tennessee Chapter, while potentially reducing your federal income tax liability.

New legislation means that even if you haven't used your IRA to give before, it's worth taking another look. Please consult an attorney or tax advisor about your personal circumstances and giving goals.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

1. Contact your IRA Administrator.

It's likely that you can easily make this gift online. Reach out to your IRA Administrator to learn their specific process.

2. Request a charitable distribution to Sierra Club Foundation.

Instruct your broker to make a charitable distribution to Sierra Club Foundation, and include Tennessee Chapter on the memo line.

Request that your name and address be included with the check so that Sierra Club Foundation can accurately record your gift.

All the information you will need is on the next page. If you have any questions, we are here to help!



Two Organizations, One Mission

In 1966, the Sierra Club took out a full-page ad in The New York Times to rally public opposition against federal plans to dam the Grand Canyon. The IRS deemed this action as lobbying and revoked Sierra Club's tax-exempt status—but the message resonated nationwide. The public outcry powered by grassroots organizing helped stop the dams and preserved one of America's greatest natural wonders.

Today, Sierra Club and Sierra Club Foundation—two organizations with shared values and separate tax statuses—work together with strong compliance safeguards to ensure charitable funds are used only for permitted purposes.

A gift to either entity can be designated to the Tennessee Chapter to support work happening locally. A Qualified Charitable Distribution may only be made to 501(c)(3) organizations, such as Sierra Club Foundation.



Organization Information

Sierra Club Foundation

501(c)(3) Public Charity

Tax ID: 94-6069890

Address: 2101 Webster Street, Suite 1350 Oakland, CA 94612

For Benefit Of/Attention: Tennessee Chapter

Sierra Club Foundation is the independent fiscal sponsor of Sierra Club's charitable programs. Your Qualified Charitable Distribution to the Tennessee Chapter via Sierra Club Foundation will support education, advocacy, conservation, and ensuring more people have access to our great outdoors.

Remember that in order to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution, the gift must go directly from your IRA to Sierra Club Foundation. If you deposit funds and write a personal check, it will increase your taxable income.

Did you know? If you'd like to continue your support of the Tennessee Chapter through your IRA, you can also name them as a beneficiary. When you make a planned gift to support Sierra Club's Tennessee Chapter, you follow in the footsteps of Rachel Carson and other visionary supporters who are deeply committed to creating a more just and sustainable world for everyone to enjoy.

Why consider this gift?

Making a QCD means that your gift will be put to use right away, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making. If you are required to take minimum distributions, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your obligation. Giving through your IRA reduces your taxable income, making it a tax-wise way to support the Tennessee Chapter and the work you care about.