



change the future

By starting a fund through Pride Foundation, you can begin to change the future today. Look inside to learn more about **donor-advised, scholarship, area-of-interest, and designated funds.**



Why Pride Foundation?

Pride Foundation is a community of thousands of people whose generosity has transformed the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

Since 1985, Pride Foundation has contributed over \$8 million to build strong organizations through grantmaking, technical assistance, and grassroots organizing; cultivated community leadership through scholarships and mentoring programs; and challenged discrimination in the workplace and society at large through political advocacy and shareholder activism.

Pride Foundation leads the way in the Northwest by recognizing, articulating, and addressing the needs of the LGBT community. Because of Pride Foundation's funding, many vital programs and projects throughout the region are helping people today.

Pride Foundation listens to, educates, and brings together individuals, bridging the divide between rural and urban centers, and between LGBT people and the larger communities. Pride's deep commitment to openness and inclusiveness ensures that grants and programs effectively and sensitively address a wide range of family, health, cultural, and political issues while empowering individuals and groups to take positive action regardless of their political environment.

Which fund is right for you?

Pride Foundation offers many different types of funds to help meet our community's needs and your giving goals. This brochure will help you decide which funds work best for your financial and charitable goals, while creating the change you care about. All funds can be established through outright donations, planned gifts, or a bequest in your will.

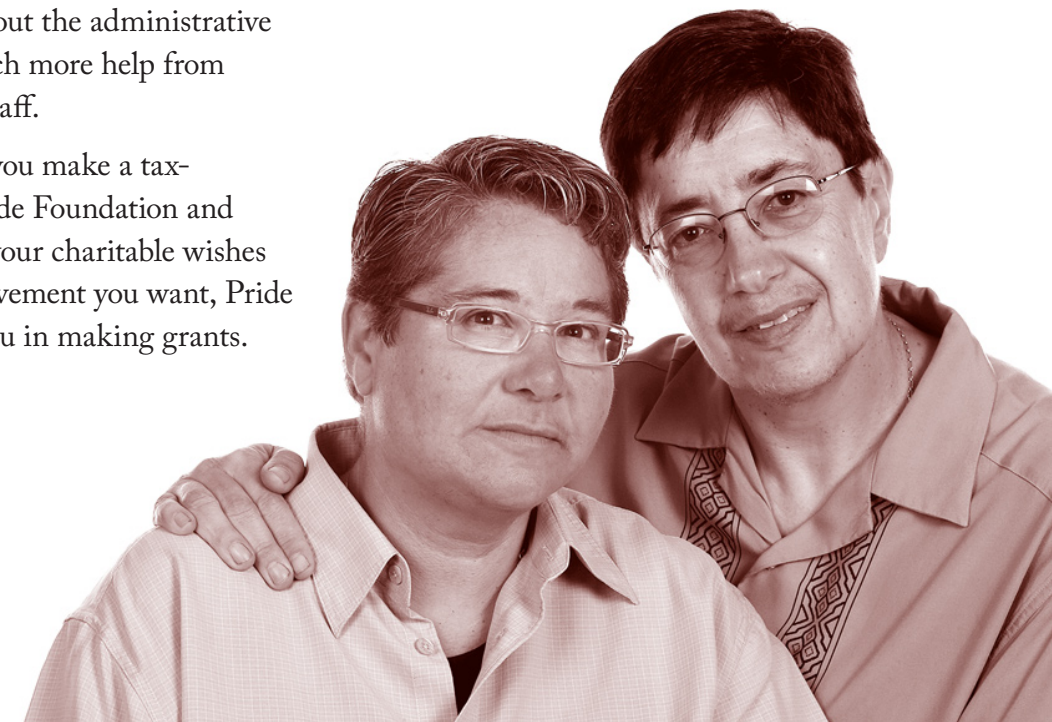
How does it work?

When you establish a fund at Pride Foundation, you make strategic decisions about the change you want to make in our community. Having a fund at Pride Foundation is almost like having your own foundation, but without the administrative burden and with much more help from our knowledgeable staff.

To establish a fund, you make a tax-deductible gift to Pride Foundation and then, depending on your charitable wishes and the level of involvement you want, Pride Foundation assists you in making grants.

Who should start a fund at Pride Foundation?

If you or your family wants to start a scholarship, or support a favorite organization or an area-of-interest, a fund at Pride Foundation can help you do that. Starting a fund at Pride Foundation is a great way to honor someone, living or gone. Groups of people with a common interest can combine their resources to start a fund at Pride Foundation that will address an issue they care about.



types of funds:

what are the options?

BENEFITS:

You make recommendations on your own schedule for grants to organizations you care about

You make one gift to your donor-advised fund and let Pride Foundation write the checks to organizations you recommend

Organizations you recommend must comply with Pride Foundation's non-discrimination statement to receive funding

Giving through Pride Foundation highlights LGBT philanthropy

Donor-Advised Funds

The most flexible funds offered by Pride Foundation, donor-advised funds, allow donors to take an active role in grantmaking and offer several advantages. You can make one gift, receive one tax receipt, and benefit multiple organizations. A donor-advised fund allows you to simplify your giving and record-keeping while you continue to support the organizations you care most deeply about. You can time your giving to maximize your tax advantages and then recommend grants to the organizations you support over a number of years and at your convenience. Organizations receiving grants from your fund are asked to verify their charitable status and sign Pride Foundation's non-discrimination policy.

Melinda and Lupita had highly appreciated stock after Lupita's many years at a local technology company. They wanted to commit \$75,000 to charitable giving, but didn't know where they wanted to give all the money. At the same time, their accountant was recommending that they make some charitable gifts to decrease their tax burden. They started a donor-advised fund at Pride Foundation and each year they enjoy learning about and choosing which organizations they should recommend for grants from the fund.

Scholarship Funds

Supporting the education of future LGBT and straight allied leaders is important to many Pride Foundation donors. One of the most popular ways to do this is by establishing a scholarship fund, often one that reflects your particular interests. You can create the scholarship criteria, which might include geographical region, field of study, heritage, academic achievement, economic need, and more. You can be involved in choosing the recipients of your scholarship.

When George's mom died suddenly, he decided to create a legacy of her unconditional love by establishing a scholarship fund to support women of color that are pursuing a degree in education, women's health or dance and have a history of leadership in the LGBT community. Each year he and a diverse group of women select the recipients of the scholarship. George believes that Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender women of color don't need to be helped or enabled. What they need is access to resources so that they can achieve all that is in them. And with his scholarship, that is exactly what these women are getting.

BENEFITS:

You leave a legacy by supporting the education of our community's leaders

You establish the criteria for your scholarship, including area of study, geography or students with particular needs or backgrounds

You can interact with the scholars, if you choose, hearing from them firsthand about their life goals and experiences

BENEFITS:

Pride Foundation finds the best organizations to support in your area-of-interest

An area-of-interest fund is flexible and can support many organizations

Your philanthropy funds the latest solutions to problems you care about

You can establish an area-of-interest fund with your friends or family who share your interest

Area-of-Interest Funds

As a donor, certain types of organizations or particular geographical regions may be near to your heart. An area-of-interest fund allows you to specify your interest and then leave the grantmaking decisions in the hands of one of Pride Foundation's community grantmaking committees. These committees are continually reviewing the best responses to our community's needs and can target those that will best fulfill your ideals. You can endow an area-of-interest fund, if you choose, to ensure that the changing needs of your area of interest will be thoughtfully funded after your lifetime.

A lifelong Northwesterner, Sally wanted to support organizations that build alliances with the LGBT community and help change people's hearts and minds about what it means to be LGBT. She turned to Pride Foundation and established an area-of-interest fund that will be funded by her estate after her lifetime. Her fund will assist innovative organizations that are supporting our community as we support theirs.

Stories (and donor identities) in this brochure are for illustrative purposes, and are based on true stories from one or more Pride Foundation donors.

Designated Funds

Perhaps you have a strong connection with one or more particular organizations or agencies. If so, a designated fund, particularly an endowed fund, is a wonderful way to provide support during and after your lifetime. This fund is especially powerful if you want to release smaller organizations from the administrative and investment burdens of managing an endowment, or if you want to use a large gift to support more than one organization. You specify the organization(s) that will benefit from the fund.

When he died in the mid 1990's, Bill Lambert left \$450,000 in his will to Pride Foundation. He requested that Pride Foundation support youth organizations, including one named after his son Gray. Bill recognized that Pride Foundation had the infrastructure in place to administer such a large gift that would have been a burden for smaller agencies. For ten years, Lambert House received a substantial annual gift from Pride Foundation, without incurring any of the complexities of managing the gift.

BENEFITS:

A designated fund provides funding to one or more organizations that you care about

Should the organization you name cease to exist, Pride Foundation will redirect your funds to another organization with a similar mission

Small organizations do not have the burden of managing a large gift and you know your gift will be professionally managed

You can support organizations in perpetuity

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*Bill Lambert (r)
with his son Gray.*



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Building Community.

For more information

Pride Foundation is happy to assist you in selecting the fund that works best for your philanthropic goals. Pride Foundation can also provide you information on tax-advantaged ways to establish your fund, both with current gifts and those made after your lifetime. Starting a fund is simple and fun — contact us today so we can help you reach your goals sooner.

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