



Gift Classification Policy

The Seattle Opera Foundation was established in 1982 by the Opera's Board of Directors for the principal purpose of securing and managing the Opera's Endowment. It is a tax-exempt organization operated exclusively for the benefit of the Seattle Opera. A gift made to the Seattle Opera that is designated for endowment will be redirected to the Foundation.

Unless otherwise clearly specified, a gift to the Endowment for Seattle Opera will be held by the Foundation as part of its permanent endowment funds. You may choose to provide that a gift to the Endowment need not be maintained permanently but should be invested and expended over a specified period of years.

Gifts not required to be held for any period of time are not true endowment funds and generally should be directed to the Seattle Opera for its general fund, not to the Foundation. To make such a gift to the Endowment nevertheless, please specify clearly that the gift is intended to be available immediately to support the Opera and is not required to be held for any period of time. If such a non-endowment gift is made, it may be distributed to the Opera or held for investment and subsequent distribution in the discretion of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Gifts to the Endowment will be used to support the general operations of the Opera unless you provide in writing, using the [Legacy Gift Notification Form](#), that the gift is to be limited to a specific purpose. General provisions to the effect that a gift is "unrestricted" or "for general purposes" will be assumed to refer to the absence of any such purpose limitation and not to the absence of any requirement as to duration. Unless clearly labeled as "non-endowment" or "immediately available," such gifts will be added to the permanent endowment.

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