

Supporting Macalester by Making A Direct Transfer IRA Gift

As you consider making an Annual Fund or other special gift to Macalester before the end of the calendar year, you should be aware of a wonderful tax-saving opportunity for charitable giving that was extended under recent legislation. In October 2008, the charitable IRA rollover provision which expired at the end of 2007, was extended for calendar years 2008 and 2009

This law is designed to encourage charitable gifts by making it possible to donate IRA assets directly to qualified charities—simply and without tax complications. Funds transferred in this way do not generate taxable income, but do not qualify for a charitable deduction. Under the current legislation, this opportunity is available only through December 31, 2009.

To benefit from this law:

- Donors must be 70 ½ or older at the time they authorize the gift;
- Funds must be transferred *directly* from an IRA (traditional or Roth) to a qualified charity; and
- Gifts must be outright and can not exceed \$100,000 per individual per year.

To take advantage of this opportunity, donors must *complete* the gift transfer by December 31, 2009.

Check with your IRA administrator and your advisers to determine if this new charitable gift opportunity makes sense for you under the applicable federal and state tax laws. To ensure that you have ample time to review your options, ask your IRA administrator to:

- Outline the process for authorizing a direct transfer from your IRA to a qualified charity;
- Provide the forms required to initiate a gift from your IRA account;
- Describe the turn-around time required to ensure that your IRA gift can be completed to meet your planning and tax needs.

If you have questions about how this legislation might help you make a gift to Macalester, please feel free to contact:

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