Charitable IRA Rollover Gifts

In 2016, Congress voted to permanently reinstate the popular provision allowing individuals age 70 ½ or older to make direct transfers of up to $100,000 directly from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to qualified charities, such as Le Moyne College, without having to count the transfer as income for federal income tax purposes.

Is an IRA rollover gift right for you? Yes, if:

- You are required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA, but you do not need additional income.
- You do not itemize your deductions. The IRA transfer will not be included in your taxable income even if you do not itemize other deductions.
- You would like to make an additional charitable gift, but it would not be deductible because of the annual 50-percent-of-adjusted-gross-income limitation on charitable contributions. The charitable IRA rollover is equivalent to a deduction because it is not included in taxable income.

What are the requirements and restrictions for making a charitable IRA rollover gift?

- The donor must be 70½ or older.
- The gift must be made directly from the IRA to an eligible charitable organization.
- IRA rollover gifts to all charities combined cannot exceed a total of $100,000 for the year per individual.
- The gifts must be outright, and no material benefits can be received in return for the gift. (A transfer for a gift annuity, charitable remainder trust, or pooled income fund is not permitted.)
- Gifts cannot be made to a donor-advised fund, supporting organization, or private foundation.
- The gift can only be made from an IRA. Gifts from a 401(k), 403(b), and 457 plans are not permitted.

If you would like to learn more about making an IRA rollover gift to Le Moyne, contact Kate Cogswell at (315) 445-6124 or cogswek@lemoyne.edu. Don't miss out on the tax-saving advantages of making a charitable gift directly from your IRA! Contact your IRA administrator today.