

Hey, Here's a Way to Give for Some Who Would Qualify.....

What is a Qualified Charitable Contribution?

A **qualified charitable distribution (QCD)** is a distribution from an IRA made directly to an eligible charity, bypassing the owner of the account. Owners of individual retirement accounts who are at least age 70 1/2 can contribute some or all of their IRAs to charity.

You *must* begin taking **required minimum distributions (RMDs)** when you reach age 70 1/2 if you have a traditional IRA, even if you don't want or need the money at that point in time. These distributions are taxable at ordinary income rates—whatever tax bracket you're in that particular year. It gets worse if you fail to take RMDs. In most cases, you'll have to pay a 50% excise tax on the amount you were supposed to take but didn't, even though you never enjoyed the use of that money.

An **IRA charitable contribution** allows you to meet your Required Mandatory Distribution (RMD) requirements without adding to your **taxable** income. ... **Donations** of securities to a private foundation are also **tax deductible** to a limit of 20 percent of your adjusted gross income.

Generally, a **qualified charitable distribution** is an otherwise taxable **distribution** from an **IRA** (other than an ongoing SEP or SIMPLE **IRA**) owned by an individual who is age 70½ or over that is paid directly from the **IRA** to a **qualified charity**.

The maximum amount that can be donated through a **qualified charitable distribution** is \$100,000 per **IRA** owner as of **2019**. This means that each spouse can donate \$100,000 if you're married, but you can't "share" the limit.

Here's a good web link for further research:

<https://www.kiplinger.com/article/retirement/T062-C001-S003-charitable-donations-from-retirement-accounts.html>

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