

Charitable Gift Annuity

When a donor transfers an asset to a charity¹ in exchange for an income for one or two lives, it is called a charitable gift annuity.

The income tax deduction from this arrangement will vary depending on the age of the donor, the payout rate and the applicable (mid-term) federal rate (AFR) (which is determined monthly).

The following charts illustrate the income tax deduction at various ages and AFRs. Each example assumes a cash gift of \$100,000. The payouts vary with the age of the donor.²

Age 55 / 3.7% / \$3,700		⇐ Recommended Payout ⇐			3.9% / \$3,900 / Age 60	
AFR Table Rate	Total Charitable Deduction	Income Excluded from Taxation ³	Total Charitable Deduction	Income Excluded from Taxation ³	Total Charitable Deduction	Income Excluded from Taxation ³
0.4%	\$10,798	\$31,300	\$20,243	\$3,309		
1.0%	18,165	2,871	26,009	3,070		
2.0%	28,492	2,509	34,252	2,728		

Age 65 / 4.2% / \$4,200		⇐ Recommended Payout ⇐			4.7% / \$4,700 / Age 70	
AFR Table Rate	Total Charitable Deduction	Income Excluded from Taxation ³	Total Charitable Deduction	Income Excluded from Taxation ³	Total Charitable Deduction	Income Excluded from Taxation ³
0.4%	\$28,598	\$3,588	\$35,349	\$4,066		
1.0%	33,040	3,365	38,749	3,852		
2.0%	39,513	3,040	43,793	3,535		

¹ In most states, a charity must be licensed to grant a gift annuity.

² Many charities follow the suggested maximum payout rates developed by the American Council on Gift Annuities, 596 Concord Road SE, Smyrna, GA, 30080-6546. Tel: (770) 874-3355. On the internet: <https://acga-web.org/>

³ The amount shown represents that portion of the annual payment due to recovery of the donor's basis in the annuity. Once the basis has been completely recovered, all additional payments are fully taxable.

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Age 75 / 5.4% / \$5,400		⇐ Recommended Payout ⇐		6.5% / \$6,500 / Age 80	
AFR Table Rate	Total Charitable Deduction	Income Excluded from Taxation ¹	Total Charitable Deduction	Income Excluded from Taxation ¹	
0.4%	\$41,755	\$4,697	\$46,571	\$5,684	
1.0%	44,283	4,493	48,447	5,484	
2.0%	48,106	4,185	51,326	5,178	

Note: Table calculated using ACGA “recommended” Single Life Gift Annuity rates effective July 1, 2020.

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