

# Contribute complex assets

Rebalance your portfolio and  
reduce capital gains  
with a complex asset contribution.

# Minimize capital gains by donating complex assets

Complex assets, like hedge fund or private equity investments, insurance policies, and non-publicly traded stocks, can be very tax-effective donations. They can also be difficult and expensive to gift to charity. Many nonprofit organizations are simply not equipped to accept these types of donations because of the high cost to liquidate and required staff expertise.

Vanguard Charitable has the skills and resources to manage your complex financial asset donations. These gifts are different than many traditional donations because they require prequalification, higher contribution amounts (see table below), additional fees, and extended processing time.

## Why contribute complex assets to a philanthropic account?

- Receive a tax deduction based on an asset's fair market value.
- Avoid recognition of capital gains on highly appreciated assets.
- Rebalance your portfolio in a tax-efficient way.
- Avoid tedious paperwork required to donate the asset to multiple organizations.
- Support many charities over time with the proceeds from one donation to Vanguard Charitable.

## Complex asset minimums

Primary asset type	Minimum contribution
Non-publicly traded stock (e.g. C Corp.)	\$750,000
LLC or LLP interest	\$750,000
Private equity	\$750,000
Hedge fund interest	\$750,000
Restricted stock (incl. Rule 144/145)	\$50,000
Insurance policy	\$25,000
Other <sup>1</sup>	Contact for quote

**Note:** The IRS may require a qualified appraisal of donated assets.

<sup>1</sup> While some complex asset donations, such as gifts of foreign traded stock, do not have higher minimum contributions, they may be subject to additional transaction or legal fees. Contact Vanguard Charitable to learn more.

## Donate non-financial assets

Non-financial assets, like real estate or fine art, are also tax-effective donations. Vanguard Charitable will help you partner with a third-party organization to liquidate unique, non-cash assets and contribute to your philanthropic account. Like with other complex asset donations, the process can be extensive and require prequalification.

## Steps to contribute a complex asset

- 1. Review our *Policies and guidelines* booklet.**  
Review the list of acceptable assets and learn about our processes and timelines for contributions.
- 2. Contact us to prequalify your proposed contribution.**  
Together, we discuss your gifting intentions and gather information about the asset. This process may take several weeks and may require the completion of additional forms.
- 3. Read and sign the *Understanding the terms for contributing complex assets* form.**  
The form states the details of your intended donation and acknowledges your consent to our terms and conditions. (This form is not required for gifts of restricted stock.)
- 4. Vanguard Charitable completes due diligence.**  
We review all submitted documents and complete research. Legal review is generally required, as is consultation with all parties involved in the proposed asset transfer and liquidation. The time required for a formal review varies depending on the asset type and time of year.
- 5. Receive determination from Vanguard Charitable.**  
When the due diligence process is complete, we approve or deny your intended contribution. If your asset is accepted, you are required to complete a *Make a contribution* form and submit any other paperwork essential to the asset transfer.

**Note:** Complex asset donations are often subject to specific “time windows” and delayed settlement of proceeds. We liquidate assets as quickly as possible while adhering to IRS and applicable legal guidelines. Due to extended research and processing timeframes, please initiate complex asset contributions well in advance of desired deadlines.

To initiate a complex asset donation,  
contact us at [questions@vanguardcharitable.org](mailto:questions@vanguardcharitable.org).



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