

Woodland Star Educational Foundation

Supporting Woodland Star Charter School since 2000

Frequently Asked Questions – Family Giving Program

What is Family Giving?

Family giving programs are a way for charter school foundations to raise additional money to enhance limited school budgets. Family Giving is a voluntary, tax-deductible program. Each family is encouraged to participate in order to provide the necessary funds to meet our school's yearly budget and to show our community's commitment to our school.

Why support Woodland Star Charter School with Family Giving?

The enriched curriculum, quality teachers, and specialty programs offered at Woodland Star Charter School all come at a greater cost than the state provides to educate each child. Your contribution to the Family Giving program helps us overcome the budget shortfall so that we can continue to deliver an integrated, holistic, Waldorf inspired education.

How much do I give?

While we ask that each family determine their own contribution amount, we encourage you to consider supporting our school at \$150/month per student. Our school's success requires the participation of all families. Whether you can give \$25 or \$2,500, our goal is 100% participation, with all families voluntarily contributing to their own ability.

How do I give?

You may sign up for monthly donations or give an annual gift in the following ways:

- Fill out the credit card section of your [Annual Family Giving Form](#) and return it to the school office.
- Visit www.wsedfund.org and click the [Donate button](#) to make a gift through Paypal. You will have the option to make your donation a recurring monthly donation if you wish.
- Set up an electronic funds transfer with your bank.
- Place checks in the Family Giving Box at the school office or mail them to PO Box 53, Sonoma, 95476.

We can also work with you if your employer matches donations and we are always glad to answer any questions. Please contact us at development@woodlandstarschool.org for more information.

When do I give?

Gifts are most often made on a recurring monthly basis. Monthly donations are the most reliable method of giving as they ensure that our school has consistent funding throughout the year. Some families or friends of the school choose to give a one time, annual payment or even quarterly or periodic gifts.

Who is the Woodland Star Educational Foundation?

Woodland Star Educational Foundation (WSEF) is a 501c3 non-profit organization founded in 2000 to support Woodland Star Charter School. We are a group of parents working to financially support our school through the [Family Giving Program](#) and several other fundraisers throughout the year such as the annual auction or the triathlon team. All funds raised by the Foundation are given directly to the school to support essential programs and maintain facilities, educational materials, and equipment.