



## THE 2026 CHARITABLE GIVING CHANGES

*The One Big Beautiful Bill (OB BB), signed in July 2025, makes several charitable giving changes taking effect on January 1, 2026.*

Therefore, making a gift by December 31, 2025, is an especially good idea, particularly if you're giving appreciated stock or considering a larger contribution. Some of the tax benefits will be more limited next year, so a gift this Giving Season will go further for you and for our mission.

### **1. If you're planning a big gift, 2025 is better than 2026**

Beginning in 2026, donors will only get a 35% tax benefit on charitable deductions (a decrease from the previous 37%). For now, you can still take advantage of the extra 2%.

### **2. DAF gifts won't qualify for the new universal deduction**

Starting in 2026, taxpayers who don't itemize can take a simple charitable deduction of \$1,000 for individuals or \$2,000 for couples, but only for direct cash gifts to charity. Gifts to donor-advised funds (DAFs) and some private foundations won't count.

If you want to see the universal deduction in 2026, the gift has to come straight to your organization. In 2026, you'll be able to deduct up to \$1,000 per individual / \$2,000 per couple even if you don't itemize, but only if you give directly to the nonprofit, not to a DAF.

### **3. There's a new 'floor' coming**

For 2026 and after, itemizers can only deduct charitable gifts above 0.5% of the adjusted gross income (AGI). This makes giving slightly less tax-efficient for some donors, another reason to make larger gifts in 2025 while the rules are simpler.



#### **4. Planned Giving or ‘give now, grant later’ are still smart options**

YOU could pre-fund philanthropy in 2025 to take advantage of the current rules, then grant out over time. Multi-year pledges funded now or DAF-to-charity transfers this December are smart options. And a reminder from above: new 2026 universal deduction won't apply to DAFs.

#### **5. Crypto giving is smarter than ever**

Bitcoin has maintained its value of \$100K+, reminding everyone that cryptocurrency remains a significant (and appreciated) asset class. Donors who give crypto directly to nonprofits avoid capital gains tax and can still deduct the full fair-market value of the asset, making this a win-win that mirrors the benefits of stock giving. If you've seen gains in crypto this year, donating a portion directly can help you avoid capital gains tax while making a meaningful impact.

*If you'd like support, we're here to help! Reach out to us at [development@sharemy meals.org](mailto:development@sharemy meals.org).*