



Giving

Frequently Asked Questions

Q What is the Annual Fund, and why should I give?

A Annual giving at Saint Joseph College is a tradition that has helped the College to grow and flourish for the past 76 years. An Annual Fund gift supports our students, faculty, and programs and is the most direct way to make a positive impact on the educational experience. Your support demonstrates your belief in Saint Joseph College, its mission, and its future. Added together, Annual Fund gifts have a tremendous effect on our budget.

Q Doesn't tuition cover expenses?

A Like nearly all colleges and universities, Saint Joseph College faces a gap between tuition income and expenses. If we increased tuition to fill that gap, fewer families and students would be able to afford the excellent education we provide.

Here are the facts:

- 95% of our full-time students need some type of financial assistance to stay in college
- 93% of our undergraduate students receive financial aid, merit awards and scholarships provided by Saint Joseph College
- 33% of the cost of attendance on average is provided by Saint Joseph College funds

Your Annual Fund gift supports the distinctive educational experiences that define Saint Joseph College and makes them accessible to a broad range of students.

Q May I designate how I want my gift to be used?

A Gifts made without restriction give us the flexibility to use the money where it is needed most. The Annual Fund provides scholarships and substantial financial assistance to the majority of our students, and also support student services, faculty and programs, and facilities and technology. Your support demonstrates your belief in Saint Joseph College, its mission, and its future. Also, you may select one of the three areas below for directed gifts to the Annual Fund.

- ___ Unrestricted (our highest priorities)
- ___ Student Scholarships and Financial Assistance
- ___ Class of ___ (your class) Scholarship
- ___ Other area of interest

Q Can I make a gift in honor of someone?

A Yes! Some parents choose to honor their son or daughter or their child's favorite faculty or staff member; quite a few alumnae/i make gifts in honor of a classmate, spouse, or fondly remembered faculty member. You may also make your gift in memory of someone. We will notify the honored individual or the family that your gift—without reference to the amount—was made.

Q What are matching gifts, and will my employer match my gift?

A Many companies match the charitable contributions of their employees. In this way, the impact of your gift to Saint Joseph College may be doubled or even tripled. Sometimes spouses and retirees qualify as well. To have your gift matched, request a matching gift form from your human resources department, complete the necessary information, and send it along to us with your gift. We'll take it from there. For more information, [click here](#).

Q I can afford a small gift. Will that really help?

A Absolutely. A gift of any size directly supports our students and faculty, and your gift says that you believe in Saint Joseph College. Some foundations and other grant-making organizations look at giving participation rates when awarding grant requests. Your gift, viewed as a vote of confidence, could help us secure many more dollars in external funding.

Q I'd like to give \$100, but right now I can manage only \$25 a month. Can I give a gift over time?

A Of course! Giving incrementally is easy. Just let us know how much you want to pledge, how much you are giving now, and what you would like to give in the future. You can do this via credit card—and tell us what month and day to charge the payments—or you can send a check each month. It's up to you.

Q What is the Founders Circle?

A The Founders Circle provides increased giving level recognition for Annual Fund donors of \$1,000 or more. Leadership members enjoy an annual gathering with the president and trustees as well as the knowledge that they are at the forefront of Saint Joseph's cornerstone fund-raising project, the Annual Fund.

Q What if I have more questions?

A We love questions! Just e-mail Karen Hoke, director of annual giving and alumnae/i relations, at khoke@sjc.edu or give her a call at 860-231-5363.