

# Donation Form

My tax deductible donation to the  
**Sustainable Agriculture & Forestry Scholarship Endowment Fund**  
to Help Sustain a Healthy Population

My contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Check payable to **Rochester Area Foundation** is enclosed  
 Please charge my credit card:  Visa  Mastercard  Discover

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is given in  honor of  in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Please include full address of honoree if you would like them to be notified of your gift.

- You may use my/our name(s) in recognition materials. Please have it appear as:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
 Please do not share my/our name(s) publicly.  
 My employer will match my gift.  
See website for details.

Please send all pledges and gifts to:

The Rochester Area Foundation  
c/o **Dag I. Knudsen**-Fund Supervisor  
P. O. Box 180  
Lake City, MN 55041-0180



Your donation and its tax deductibility will be confirmed in a letter from Rochester Area Foundation. Donors and honorees will be recognized in the RAF Annual Report and the Scholarship web site unless otherwise requested. For bequests and end-of-life donations—please see our website.

*"How wonderful is it that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world"*  
—Anne Frank

*Thank you for your willingness to help with the goal of achieving sustainability for our children, grandchildren and their futures*

## Become a Donor. Let's Work Together to Protect our Resources

If you too are concerned about the indiscriminate use of chemicals which are killing our pollinators, polluting our water, and negatively effecting our food supply, then JOIN US by donating today.

The Rochester Area Foundation is the administrator of this scholarship fund.<sup>7</sup>

Contributions to the Fund are fully tax deductible.

Methods of contributions are numerous:

- ★ A check or credit card is wonderful, use form below.
- ★ Matching funds from employer.
- ★ Direct transfers from an IRA (see website for method and be sure to contact your financial advisor, accountant or lawyer).
- ★ Endowments through your Estate Plan, wills or life insurance policies. (See website for method and be sure to contact your financial advisor, accountant or lawyer for advise).

We already have contributors using most of the above methods.

The Scholarship Endowment Fund is structured such that only earnings from the invested capital is used to pay for scholarship(s) and Fund operating expenses. This rule assures that the Fund will operate in perpetuity.

The Rochester Area Foundation (RAF)<sup>8</sup> is the steward of the Fund. RAF, a 501 (c)(3) Foundation, is accredited by *National Standards* for operational quality, donor service and accountability in the community foundation sector.

The National Standards for U. S. Community Foundations Accreditation Program certifies U. S.

community foundations that meet and exceed federal and state law requirements in practice and by policy. The accreditation process is rigorous, and undertaking it demonstrates a community foundation's commitment to accountability and excellence to its donors, its community, policymakers, and the public.<sup>8</sup>

RAF's administrative fees are 1% of the annual fund balance and are amply covered by RAF's investment performance.

Neither scholarships nor fees are reducing the endowment equity!

The Founders issue and mail periodic newsletters and these costs are also covered elsewhere.

The Fund continues to receive new charitable donations, and we are grateful for repeat donations and the end-of-life bequests received.

This helps us build this Endowment Fund to become self-sustaining at a significant scholarship level of \$5,000.00 per year or (much) more—forever. The size of the Fund determines how many scholarships we can provide.

This Fund is set up to be operated in perpetuity as managed by the Rochester Area Foundation.

Visit our website for additional details about past donors, honorees, how to donate using IRAs and wills, how to identify employer matching gifts, etc.,



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