

START A FUND

An endowment is a permanent fund where the original gift is invested, and the earnings are used to support charitable causes forever!



ADAMS COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

STEPS TO CREATE AN ENDOWMENT FUND

1. Define Your Purpose

Choose the cause or community need you want to support.

2. Select the Fund Type

Decide if it will be Unrestricted, Field of Interest, Designated, Scholarship, or Organizational. (see *types to the right*)

3. Choose a Fund Name

Name the fund after yourself, your family, a loved one, or an organization.

4. Make an Initial Gift

Start with a contribution (e.g., cash, stock, mutual funds, IRA, estate gift, real estate).

5. Sign a Fund Agreement

Work with the Foundation to outline your fund's purpose and terms.

6. Grow Your Fund

Add to your fund over time, and invite others to contribute.



TYPES OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS

• Unrestricted Fund

Allows the foundation to address the community's greatest needs.

• Field of Interest Fund

Supports a cause or issue you care about (e.g., animal welfare, arts, health).

• Designated Fund

Supports a specific nonprofit organization you choose.

• Scholarship Fund

Helps students with education costs, based on criteria you help define.

• Organizational Fund

Created by a nonprofit to provide long-term financial support for its mission.

**You can start any
of the above funds
for just \$1,000**

See reverse side for Creating an Acorn Fund & ACCF contact information.