

## Gifts of Tangible Personal Property

An outright gift of tangible personal property—such as art, jewelry, gems, antiques, collectibles, rare books, and cars—qualifies (with an appraisal) for an income tax deduction (for either the full fair market value or the donor’s cost basis) and may also generate significant capital gains tax savings.

### Concept applied:

A donor may be able to use valuable tangible personal property to meet charitable goals during life (an outright gift or bargain sale) or at death (with a gift in a will or living trust).

### How it works:

Kathryn Cooper calls her alma mater to discuss donating her rare book collection that the school wants for their library. Because the school will be using the gift for their tax-exempt purpose, Kathryn can secure a qualified appraisal and deduct the full fair market value. (Had the school planned to sell the collection, she could only deduct her cost basis.) In addition, Kathryn avoids all capital gains tax on the appreciation of her collection.



### Why is it useful?

In addition to a charitable income tax deduction, the opportunity to avoid paying capital gains tax is particularly attractive for tangible personal property—securities or real estate face a top 20% capital gains tax rate, while collectibles are taxed up to 28%.



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This complex present and even more uncertain future requires a new citizenship—one that is equipped with knowledge, inspired by vision, and empowered to take action; one that values problem-solving, critical thinking, and collaboration; one that sets innovation and leadership in pursuit of equitable growth; and one committed to creating a sustainable future and improving the quality of life for this generation and the next.

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