ISP Global Citizens Annual Fund FAQs

Make a gift that counts for every child, in every classroom, every day.

**Why is 100% participation important?**
The Global Citizens Annual Fund (GCF) is an important way for ISP to show the commitment to our parents, staff, trustees, alumni and friends. One way that corporations and grant-making foundations evaluate our internal support is through the Annual Giving participation rate. ISP actively pursues grants each year and your contribution can help put these grants within reach by showing the strength of our school and our community.

**I’ve already paid tuition. Why is it important for me to make a donation too?**
Donations to ISP provide resources and opportunities above and beyond what tuition covers. Roughly 6% of our operating budget comes from philanthropic gifts. That might not seem like a high portion of the budget, but imagine if it didn’t exist! Donations touch every one of our students and teachers by providing new educational resources, funding professional development opportunities, enriching our community through tuition assistance, and much more.

Fundraising allows us to provide the highest quality education while also managing tuition costs and ensuring that an ISP education is accessible to more families. We encourage every family to participate at a level that is meaningful for them. Unlike tuition, your Annual Giving gift is tax-deductible.

**How much should I contribute?**
We ask every family to contribute at a level that is meaningful for them. ISP appreciates your gift no matter the size of your gift. Whether $10 or $10,000, we are grateful for your gift as it will truly make a difference.

**Will my gift really make a difference?**
Yes! While we have been around for over 30 years, we are a relatively young school with a limited enrollment. This means every gift that comes to ISP makes an impact. You can see your contributions at work on the ISP campus every day.

Plus, your gift can inspire additional donations to ISP. Corporations and foundations often first look at a school’s participation from within to decide their level of support for grants.

**What is the difference between the GCF and ISP’s other fundraising campaigns (Moving for Music & Art and the Auction Special Appeal)?**
The GCF campaign supplements the school’s operating budget and allows ISP the flexibility to put gifts to work where they are needed most. Our other fundraising efforts support our art and music programs (MMA) or an annual educational priority (special appeal) and cannot be reallocated to meet a new opportunity or unforeseen need.

**Do other schools fundraise?**
Yes, all independent schools seek donations to provide the best possible education while managing tuition costs. Public schools also fundraise to be able to operate at their best.

**Is my gift tax-deductible?**
Yes! After we receive your donation, you will receive a receipt which you can use for tax purposes. Our tax ID number is 94-3126167.

**How can I donate?**
There are several ways you can contribute!

**Credit Card:** Visit [www.intlschool.org/donation-page](http://www.intlschool.org/donation-page) to donate securely online.
You can select to make a one time gift or consider giving monthly and become one of our Giving Circle members.

**Check:** Deliver to any ISP front desk or mail to: Development Department, International School of Portland, 2305 S Water Ave, Portland, OR 97201.

Looking for another way to make a gift? Contact the Development Department about employer matching gift programs, gifts of stock, in-kind donations, or legacy gifts through your estate.