



Year-end giving deadlines

To make your gift count for 2026, here is when to start. These are the dates we recommend, set early enough that your gift has time to clear. Your own advisor, broker, or account custodian may have different cutoffs, so please check with them as well.

START NO LATER THAN

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Gifts of stock or other securities

Electronic transfers take several business days, and the gift is dated when the shares land in our account rather than when you request the transfer. Starting in mid-December leaves room if anything needs a second try.

WHAT YOUR BROKER WILL NEED

DTC number **0015** · Account **923-020766** · **Morgan Stanley**

Transfers arrive without donor names attached, so please tell us at sscallion@pickeringcreek.org when you initiate, and we will watch for it.

RECOMMEND BY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Grants from a donor-advised fund

Your sponsor processes the grant and then mails or transfers the funds, which takes time at the busiest point of their year. We recommend starting early so the grant reaches us this year.

WHAT YOUR SPONSOR WILL ASK FOR

Legal name **Chesapeake Audubon Society, Inc** · EIN **52-1038833**

Mailing address **11450 Audubon Lane, Easton, MD 21601**

NOTE: Pickering Creek Audubon Center is the same as Chesapeake Audubon Society. When searching in your DAF's search tool for Pickering Creek, use the EIN # to avoid any mix-up. Some search tools still incorrectly tie Pickering Creek to National Audubon Society. Pickering Creek IS NOT part of National Audubon Society.

Recommend your grant at <https://tinyurl.com/42tne55r>

AT THE LATEST!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Gifts from an IRA, if you are 70½ or older

Most custodians mail a paper check, and their internal cutoffs come earlier than people expect. This is the deadline we recommend at the latest, as funds must clear your account before Dec 31st. If you are 73 or older, a gift made this way can also satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD).

WHAT YOUR IRA CUSTODIAN WILL NEED

Ask them to send a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to **Chesapeake Audubon Society, Inc.**, EIN **52-1038833** at **11450 Audubon Lane, Easton, MD 21601**

Please tell us at sscallion@pickeringcreek.org when you initiate. These checks arrive from the custodian rather than from you, and a heads up lets us thank you properly.

POSTMARKED BY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

Checks by mail

A check postmarked December 31 counts for this year even if it reaches us in January.

MAIL TO

Pickering Creek Audubon Center
11450 Audubon Lane
Easton, MD 21601

BY 11:59 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

Credit card and online gifts

This is the latest you can give and still have it count for this year.

GIVE ONLINE

<https://pickeringcreek.org/donate>

NO DEADLINE

Worth a conversation any time

Gifts in your will, or from a retirement account or life insurance beneficiary

Naming Pickering Creek as a beneficiary of a retirement account or life insurance policy takes one form from your provider and no attorney. Those forms decide where the account goes regardless of what a will says, so they are worth a look even if your plans are already in place.

WHO TO TALK TO

Susanna Scallion · 410-822-4903 · sscallion@pickeringcreek.org

If you have already included us, please let us know so we can thank you.

Learn more at <https://pickeringcreek.org/getinvolved/make-a-planned-gift>

If you have questions, please reach out at 410-822-4903 before FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, and we will make sure your gift is taken care of.

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