If you are 70.5 or older, you can transfer any amount up to $100,000 per year from your IRA directly to the National Geographic Society.

Funds remaining in retirement accounts after your lifetime are heavily taxed if left to someone other than a spouse. Many donors choose to use their IRA resources for charitable giving, while leaving other less tax-burdened assets to family and friends.

With an IRA charitable rollover you can see, during your lifetime, the impact of your gift to help us explore and protect the wonder of our world.

BENEFITS

- Your gift helps satisfy your required minimum distribution.
- You avoid paying income tax on the distribution.
- You help reduce highly taxed assets.
- You receive tax benefits even if you don’t itemize your deductions.
- Gifts of $1,000-$24,999 automatically qualify you for our Grosvenor Council and you’ll receive exclusive, behind-the-scenes access to the Society.
- Gifts of $25,000 or more automatically qualify you for our leadership giving societies, which provide special access to the people, places, and work that make up the Society.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

• How does an IRA charitable rollover benefit me? An IRA charitable rollover helps reduce your federal income tax by providing the opportunity to make a gift using your required minimum distribution.

• Will my gift be taxed when taken out of my retirement account? Gifts from your IRA must be transferred directly to the National Geographic Society to avoid taxation. If the gift goes to you first, it will be taxed as income.

• Can I use my rollover for a charitable gift annuity? Gifts must be made outright and cannot be used to receive benefits. IRA charitable rollovers cannot be used to fund charitable gift annuities, remainder trusts, donor advised funds, or private foundations.

• Can I use an investment from a different retirement fund? Gifts from 401(k)s, 403(b)s, SEP’s and other plans do not qualify.

• Is there a limit to the amount that I can transfer? If you are 70.5 or older, you can now transfer up to $100,000 per person.

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

The National Geographic Society uses the power of science, exploration, education, and storytelling to illuminate and protect the wonder of our world.

If the work we do is important to you, please consider supporting the National Geographic Society through an IRA charitable rollover.

MAKE A GIFT

• Contact your plan administrator and request a charitable IRA rollover to be distributed directly from your IRA to the National Geographic Society.

• Our address: 1145 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.

• Our 501(c)(3) federal tax identification number is 53-0193519.

• Notify us of your intention so we can say thank you. Please make sure your name is on the gift transfer so your gift is received and recorded properly.