

Class Giving Guidelines

A class gift is compiled of all gifts to the Woods Fund from members of the class during the fiscal year (July 1-June 30). Donors to the class gift are recognized in the Honor Roll of Donors on the Woods Fund Class Gift list. The list is available online at smwc.edu/giving/honor-roll-donors/ and updated annually in the fall to reflect the previous year's donors.

The class gift celebrated at reunion is the total amount of gifts and commitments to the Woods Fund received by the afternoon of the reunion banquet. The only exception is the class celebrating their 50th reunion.

50th Year Giving

Representatives from the 50th class work closely with the College to set a fundraising goal for the Woods Fund. As a significant milestone reunion, the College anticipates that members of the 50th class will stretch their giving and reach a higher goal for the Woods Fund. In addition, a special project (i.e., Le Fer Hall, an endowed scholarship, etc.) is welcome in recognition of their 50th reunion. This project is determined prior to reunion in coordination with the Office of Advancement and is a project that is both meaningful to the 50th class and the College.

FAQs

What is a class gift?

A class gift is a gift made by members of each class to the Woods Fund. These gifts are totaled and, for those classes celebrating a reunion, may be shared at the reunion banquet.

What is included in the amount announced at reunion from each class?

The total amount that may be shared at reunion includes gifts and commitments to the Woods Fund. If a special project has been selected by the 50th class, the total shared at reunion includes gifts and pledges to the Woods Fund and the approved special project.

Are there options for me to make a larger gift in celebration of my reunion?

The College welcomes a 5-year pledge plan to help alums contribute gifts of significance. In an effort to provide flexibility and to provide a plan that is achievable, an alum may enter into a multi-year pledge at any time. Multi-year pledges that have been confirmed on or after July 1 of an alum's reunion year will be included in the class gift total. A member of the College's Advancement Team is happy to help with the multi-year pledge process.

May I make a pledge at the end of the fiscal year and it be included in the total amount announced at reunion?

To be included in the class gift celebrated at reunion, all gifts and pledges must be made by the afternoon of the reunion banquet (a deadline for all gifts and pledges to be received will be announced at reunion). This allows the Office of Advancement to include your commitment with all gifts from your class.

May I give on behalf of my classmates who have not yet given?

No. For a class to achieve 100% giving, every individual of the class must contribute a gift. Gifts may be made in honor of classmates, but that will not increase the class giving percentage.

For questions about your Class Gift or how you can make a gift to SMWC, please contact the Office of Advancement at 888-769-0013 or visit giving.smwc.edu.