



## Ways to Give

### By Mail

Pledge your gift now by completing the required information on the remittance card and returning it to GISC in person or by mail. Pledges may be paid in installments by check or credit card and must be fulfilled by June 30, 2017.

### Online

Go to [germanschoolchicago.com/get-involved/annual-fund](http://germanschoolchicago.com/get-involved/annual-fund).

### Matching Gifts

Many employers offer matching gift programs that may double or even triple your Annual Fund contribution. Contact the Human Resources department to determine whether your company will match your gift.



## How Does My Gift Help GISC Students?

Your Annual Fund gift makes a meaningful and tangible difference. Specifically, it helps GISC enhance the educational experience at the school by subsidizing additional resources and opportunities:

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| Art Supplies       | Learning Materials       |
| Athletic Equipment | Laboratory Equipment     |
| Books              | Musical Instruments      |
| Computers          | Professional Development |
| Drama              | Projection Equipment     |
| Furniture          | Smart Boards             |



# Build a Bold and Bright Future at GISC



## Let's Build a Bold and Bright Future at GISC!

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## Why an Annual Fund?

German International School Chicago offers a unique dual-language, multi-cultural, international educational experience in a loving and nurturing environment. This experience is supported by gifts to the Annual Fund. Your yearly gift to the Annual Fund is indispensable and is part of a community-wide effort to enhance and expand the experience at GISC.

The gifts to the Annual Fund make an impact this school year and help cover the gap between tuition revenue and the costs of providing a GISC education. Most independent, private schools in the United States rely on parents and members of the community to make gifts to an Annual Fund to increase the funds available for the students' educational experience.

### A Culture of Generosity

We invite GISC families and friends to make the school a philanthropic priority. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we rely on the generosity of our extended community to help enrich the lives of our students, inspiring them to be bold, creative thinkers and engaged citizens of the world.

### Annual Fund First

We ask that the first gift you make to GISC each school year be a gift to the Annual Fund. A tax-deductible gift to the Annual Fund demonstrates your belief in the mission of GISC and sustains the excellence of our programs. Our priority each year remains the same - ensuring the programs and people that make our school special are sustainable. While we understand that a family's giving ability can change from year to year, our goal is to obtain 100% participation in the Annual Fund.



## How Is Annual Fund Different From GISC Gala?

GISC relies on additional financial support from two sources - Annual Fund and Gala. Both play important roles. Annual giving to the Annual Fund provides GISC with a reasonably predictable source of funds to support the school. Further, the school benefits fully from each and every dollar given to the Annual Fund, without any deduction for costs, as is typically the case for traditional fundraising activities. In other words, your gift to the Annual Fund is a purely philanthropic gift to help grow GISC. In addition, prospective institutional donors focus on participation in the Annual Fund. The Gala, on the other hand, is a special fundraising event that brings the community together at the end of the year to celebrate the school, staff, and students and raise additional funds. Your participation in both is very much needed and appreciated.



## How Much Should I Give?

We ask that your gift reflect your giving ability and your belief in the school. Gifts typically range from \$50 to \$5,000. Your gift is fully tax deductible and helps keep tuition affordable to more families. Your participation in Annual Fund, however, matters more than the size of your gift.

### GISC Leadership Circle

Bach: \$5,000 and above  
Mozart: \$2,500-4,999  
Beethoven: \$1,500-2,499  
Strauss: \$1,000-1,499

### Friends of GISC

Dürer: \$500-999  
Kollwitz: \$250-499  
Barlach: to \$249

## Your Gift Matters!

At GISC, we proudly celebrate a unique mission - to prepare students to become well-rounded, creative, responsible, and tolerant global citizens by providing them with a rigorous, world-class education in a supportive and individualized learning environment. This mission shapes the GISC experience for all students - an experience that would be impossible to sustain without donors like you.

### Gifts of All Sizes Make a Difference

Your generosity allows us to offer students a unique educational experience and to strengthen programs that enable us to attract and retain a talented, caring faculty.

### Participation Is Key!

Strong Annual Fund participation also promotes long-term sustainability. Annual Fund contributions help GISC demonstrate broad-based financial support, allowing us to make a stronger case for enhanced funding from foundations and major donors.

We are deeply grateful for each and every gift, whatever the amount. By supporting GISC, you express your commitment to the school, its mission, and its continued quest for excellence - today and in the future.

## Thank You for Your Support!

