What Counts?

Thank you for volunteering for the Alumni Fund! We often receive questions about the crediting and counting of gifts and hope that the explanations below are helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact your class liaison if you have any questions or need further information.

What types of gifts count within the Yale Alumni Fund and for my Alumni Fund Class Goal?

Gifts to the Alumni Fund are unrestricted and provide the university with immediately expendable core support for basic operations and new programs. To receive credit in the Alumni Fund, gifts must be designated to one of six categories: unrestricted purposes, facilities renovations, faculty support and curriculum development, financial aid, library resources, or undergraduate life.

Gifts to any purpose other than those listed above do not count within the Alumni Fund or toward your Alumni Fund Class Goal.

What types of gifts count in my Class’ Reunion Gift?

The reunion gift recognizes nearly all new gifts and pledges made since your last reunion. This includes annual contributions to the Alumni Fund, capital gifts, and planned gifts. For the Classes of 1996 and prior, Quarter Century Fund gifts and the invested returns will be added in aggregate to the totals for the 25th Reunion only.

Class Dues

Class Dues are considered gifts to the Class and not to Yale. They do not count within the Alumni Fund or for the reunion gift.

Athletic Team Associations

Gifts to athletic team associations do not count within the Alumni Fund but are counted for the reunion gift.

What types of gifts do not receive Yale University gift credit?

Gifts made to separate 501(c)(3) organizations affiliated with Yale do not receive university gift credit.
Thank you for volunteering for the Alumni Fund! We often receive questions about the crediting and counting of gifts as well as the solicitation process in a reunion year and hope that the explanations below are helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact your Alumni Fund class liaison if you have any questions or need further information.

**What types of gifts count within the Yale Alumni Fund and for my Alumni Fund Class Goal?**

To receive credit in the Alumni Fund, gifts must be designated to one of six broad categories: unrestricted purposes, facilities renovations, faculty support and curriculum development, financial aid, library resources, or undergraduate life. Gifts to the Alumni Fund are unrestricted and provide the university with immediately expendable core support for basic operations and new programs.

Gifts to any purpose other than those listed above do not count within the Alumni Fund or toward your Alumni Fund Class Goal.

**What types of gifts count in my Class’ Reunion Gift?**

The reunion gift recognizes nearly all new gifts and pledges made since your last reunion. This includes annual contributions to the Alumni Fund, capital gifts, and planned gifts. For the Classes of 1996 and prior, Quarter Century Fund gifts and the invested returns will be added in aggregate to the totals for the 25th Reunion only.

**Class Dues**

While tax deductible, Class Dues are considered gifts to the Class and not to Yale. They do not count within the Alumni Fund or for the reunion gift.

**What types of gifts typically do not receive Yale University gift credit?**

Gifts made to separate 501(c)(3) organizations affiliated with Yale do not receive university gift credit.

**Annual Giving during a reunion year**

In a reunion year, all alumni are asked to make a gift to the Alumni Fund and, if appropriate, consider a gift to a restricted, capital purpose such as an endowed scholarship. For many, a larger-than-usual Alumni Fund gift will mark their reunion milestone.
What is the role of a Reunion Gift Committee member?

Every five years, Reunion Gift Committee members solicit their classmates for commitments above and beyond typical annual gifts. Reunion Gift Committee members partner with Alumni Fund Class Agents and Office of Development staff to match donors’ interests with Yale’s needs.

How can Reunion Gift Committee members and Class Agents work together?

Often, an Alumni Fund Class Agent and Reunion Gift Committee member will have distinct relationships with a classmate. By communicating with one another, volunteers can share valuable information relevant to a solicitation. This may include why a classmate has historically made only modest gifts to Yale, or personal information that might affect their philanthropy. Communicating with fellow volunteers and Office of Development staff ensures a coordinated and successful solicitation effort.

Collaborating with staff

In some cases, Office of Development staff may have a relationship with your classmate and will solicit them for a Reunion gift. Agents should feel comfortable contacting a staff member with any questions regarding a shared prospect or to discuss strategies and gift opportunities.

Who might my classmates be contacted by in a reunion year?

During a reunion cycle, an alumnus might be contacted by a variety of Yale staff and volunteers. These individuals include, but are not limited to: Alumni Fund Class Agents, Alumni Fund staff (class liaisons), Reunion Gift Committee members, Reunion Gift staff, Office of Development staff, AYA Reunion Committee members, and AYA staff. Your Alumni Fund class liaison can help you identify which of these staff and volunteers you should be interacting with based on your pool of prospects.

Alumni Fund Class Agents – Alumni volunteers who solicit assigned classmates for annual Alumni Fund gifts.

Alumni Fund staff (class liaisons) – Office of Development staff members who oversee class volunteers and manage the class’s annual fundraising campaign.

Reunion Gift Committee members – Alumni volunteers who solicit assigned classmates for commitments above and beyond typical annual giving. In some cases, Class Agents may also serve on their class’s Reunion Gift Committee.

Reunion Gift staff – Office of Development staff members who oversee reunion gift volunteers and manage the reunion gift campaign.

Major and Leadership Gift officers – Office of Development staff members who develop prospect relationships and solicit gifts from an assigned pool.

AYA Reunion Committee members – Alumni volunteers who plan the reunion weekend activities and encourage reunion attendance.

AYA staff – Yale Alumni Association staff members who oversee the reunion committee members and assist with the planning of reunion weekend events.

Planned Gift Officers – Office of Development staff members who work with alumni making planned gifts to Yale. These types of gifts include bequests and annuities.