

Frequently Asked Questions – FOLP Memorial Giving Program

Thank you for your generous donation! We appreciate your generosity as you honor and commemorate a loved one, friend or special event in your life. Donations are sent to Friends of Lancaster Parks and Recreation, a 501(c)(3) until dispersed for the designated gift(s). You will be notified once your request has been reviewed.

Is my gift tax-deductible?

-Your gift may not be considered tax-deductible because you are receiving "goods and services" in return. Please check with your tax advisor.

What are the criteria for a Youth Assistance Scholarship?

-Scholarships provide opportunities for youths that may not be able to attend programs and camps otherwise. They are awarded with consideration for the family's ability to pay, first time campers, and underserved youths. We request whenever possible that the family pay a small portion of the program/camp fee so that they are also invested.

How will I know if my scholarship made a difference?

-All scholarships make a difference in the lives of local youths. It is hard to measure in the short term, but the opportunities provided provide a reprieve for the kids and their families. In some cases, it can change the trajectory of their lives. When possible, you will receive a thank you note from a staff member, a counselor, or a recipient of the awarded scholarship.

Will I be notified if my first choice of locations is not approved?

-Yes, we make every effort to place your bench or tree in your first choice of parks. Due to the popularity of our program in recent years, some parks, and/or areas within them, may not be an option. If your first choice of location is no longer available, we will notify you and review your second choice.

If I donate a memorial tree, can I select the species?

-You may request a variety from our Recommended Tree List. In the event your choice of tree species is not available or appropriate for the setting, we will contact you to discuss the options.

Will I be notified when the tree is planted and/or bench is placed?

-If you designate on your form that you would like to be notified, a park representative will contact you with the scheduled date of planting/placement.

When will my memorial gift be completed?

- Trees are generally planted in the Spring, and Fall. Benches are usually placed during the summer months. Scholarships are awarded upon request and availability.

Will my memorial tree receive care after it is planted? What if it dies?

-Yes, our team will water the tree regularly after planting and observe if it needs any additional care. If your memorial tree dies within the first 2 years of planting, it will be replaced with a similar tree based on availability at that time. After 2 years, there may be a cost for repurchase and replanting of a new tree if desired.

My plaque is gone, now what?

-The Lancaster City Parks and FOLP are not responsible for stolen or vandalized plaques. Plaques and posts can be replaced and installed for \$50.