



FAQs

What is a community foundation? According to the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, a community foundation is a tax-exempt, nonprofit, autonomous, publicity supported, nonsectarian, philanthropic institution with a long-term goal of building permanent, named, component funds. These funds are established by many separate donors for the broad-based charitable benefits of the residents of a defined geographic area, typically no larger than a state.

What is the role of the Martis Camp Community Foundation in the community? Our primary role is to assist the Martis Camp community by encouraging and administering philanthropy to benefit effective projects and charities throughout Martis Camp and the surrounding areas.

What are the main features of the Martis Camp Community Foundation? We make giving easy and effective, accepting a wide variety of gifts and providing donors the greatest flexibility. You can contribute cash, stocks, property, and bequests. You may establish an Unrestricted, Field of Interest, Designated, or Donor Advised Fund in your name or in the name of a loved one. Your gift will gain maximum tax advantage. Our staff has an in-depth understanding of the issues, opportunities, and resources that shape our community need – including education, youth development, human services, and recreation. We can help you learn more about local agencies and programs that make a difference in the areas you care about most. Finally, we invest in the long term and bring people and organizations together, convening diverse voices to address local issues and opportunities. Our business is building community.

Where do the grants go? The MCCF Community Grants are awarded to non-profits in the greater Truckee/Tahoe region. There are four focus areas: Education, Youth Development, Human Services and Recreation. We are currently offering four scholarships to deserving Truckee and North Lake Tahoe high school seniors.

How much are the grants? The Community Grant amount varies based on the available funds. In 2017, amounts ranged from \$2,000 to just over \$6,000. There are three scholarships offered. The Denise Martinez Scholarship is a \$10,000 award paid over four years. The two MCCF scholarships are dependent upon the college/university the students are attending and range from \$30,000 to \$60,000 over four years.

Who is eligible to apply for grants from the MCCF? For Community Grants, non-profit organizations from the greater Truckee/Tahoe region are eligible to apply for grants in the four focus areas of Education, Youth Development, Human Services and Recreation. For scholarships, high school seniors from the Truckee-North Lake Tahoe Unified School District, who meet certain academic criteria, with personal character and integrity are eligible.

Who makes the decisions on awarding the grants? The MCCF has a Community Grants committee made up of five Board members that vets each non-profit that applies for a grant. In addition, committee members meet with the non-profits, tour the facilities when applicable and evaluate how the grant money is spent. After reviewing the applications, the Grants committee recommends grant recipients and amounts to the MCCF Board of Directors for consideration and approval. The Scholarships committee is made up of five Board members who use an online scholarship program to evaluate all of the students who qualify for the three scholarships offered. The Scholarships committee reviews the applications in terms of goals, need, and educational objectives. Qualified candidates are then submitted to the MCCF Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

Does the MCCF support Ambassadors? Ambassadors and their children are eligible to apply for MCCF scholarship grants for primary, secondary, college and continuing education. Eligibility requirements must be met.

Can I direct my donation to my favorite Tahoe non-profit through the MCCF? Please contact a board member to discuss.

Does the MCCF place volunteers at non-profits? Not directly. Several members of the Martis Camp community volunteer at various non-profits but it is of their own volition. If a member would like to volunteer in a specific area, the Grants committee is always happy to make recommendations and introductions.