



Lincoln Fund for Annual Giving Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does the Lincoln Fund support?

A: The Lincoln Fund, Lincoln School's annual giving program, is the cornerstone of philanthropy at our school. The largest annual fundraising effort, it bridges the gap between tuition income and the school's operating expenses. The Lincoln Fund directly supports every student and faculty member by funding academic programming, technology upgrades, and other school priorities. You can direct your gift to one of the following Lincoln Fund options: Academic Excellence and Innovation, Athletics, The Center for Justice, Peace and Global Citizenship, Financial Aid, Performing and Visual Arts, Reggio Emilia Instruction, or where it will do the most good. All gifts to the Lincoln Fund directly support our community and its people, places, and programs.

Q: Doesn't tuition cover all expenses?

A: Full tuition only covers a portion of the actual cost of providing our best-in-class academic experience, which is tailored to the needs of each student. The financial model that underpins the school's operation depends on three revenue sources: endowment income, tuition revenue, and the generosity of alumnae, parents, and friends of Lincoln School through the Lincoln Fund. Your annual support is a vital component of that financial equation.

Q: I already purchase event tickets. Why should I also give to the Lincoln Fund?

A: Your support is vitally important to the financial stability of the school. Lincoln Fund gifts are 100% tax deductible and cover day to day operating expenses. In addition, participation rates from all of our supporters matter. Higher giving participation rates to the Lincoln Fund are reported on grant applications, show that you believe in a Lincoln School education, and make a statement about the strength of our community. Gifts made to other areas, such as through ticket sales, are not included in annual Lincoln Fund dollar goals and participation totals.

Q: Does it matter when I make my gift? Can I pledge now and pay later?

A: Yes, and yes! A gift or pledge made early in the school year allows the school to budget with greater accuracy for the year—a tremendous advantage! If you make your pledge by December 31, you may fulfill your gift up until June 30.

Q: May I pay my gift in installments?

A: Certainly! Rather than making your gift all at once, you may set up your contribution to occur over several months by joining Kilt Pride. Kilt Pride gifts are recurring gifts and add up over time. You can set up your Kilt Pride recurring gift [here](#), or by calling 401.455.1183.

Q: I can only make a small gift. Is it truly worth it?

A: You bet it is! Large gifts are essential to Lincoln School's success, but so are modest ones. You are encouraged to give in the amount that is comfortable for your family. Remember, gifts, when combined, add up to provide critical support to the school. Your support and participation sends a very powerful message that you believe in Lincoln School's educational programs.

Q: How do corporate matching gift programs work, and how can I find out if my employer has such a program?

A: Many companies will match a certain amount of their employees' charitable gifts, increasing the amount of funds donated to the school. Donors who use their corporate matching gift programs are credited for their own gift amount AND the matching funds, qualifying you for higher levels of gift recognition. Your HR office will be able to identify if your company has such a program and will supply you with a form to complete to activate the match.

Q: How will my gift be recognized?

A: Gifts of all sizes and types are recognized in our Annual Report, which is published in one issue of our magazine each year. Lincoln School is especially grateful to our leadership donors, who have provided more than 50% of our fundraising total each year. Lincoln also recognizes consecutive years of giving through our loyalty society, Athena's Circle, upon reaching three years of consecutive annual donations.

Q: How do I make a gift?

A: Please make your check payable to Lincoln School and mail to 301 Butler Avenue, Providence, RI 02906. Online credit card gifts are also accepted at www.lincolnschool.org/givetoday. Gifts of stock and securities are welcome—[see this page for details](#).

Q: What if I need more information?

A: Contact Kate Wishart, Advancement Officer for Lincoln School, at 401-455-1183 or kwishart@lincolnschool.org.

Thank you for your support of Lincoln School!