



THE JEREMIAH MILBANK SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

The Jeremiah Milbank Society is designed to encourage and promote individual giving to local Boys & Girls Clubs. It will recognize donors who make unrestricted annual gifts of \$10,000 or more to a local Club.

Local Clubs hold the final **responsibility** for maintaining the **integrity** of the Society's membership. Clubs are encouraged to maintain the spirit of these guidelines when making decisions about membership qualifications.

Annual Membership Guidelines

- Annual membership is for individuals who make unrestricted cash gifts of \$10,000 or more to a local Club.
- Gifts are to be paid in one year, i.e. multi-year pledge payments totaling \$10,000 are not eligible. However, payments during the year that total \$10,000 or more are eligible.
- Donors can be recognized as individuals or as couples. For example, John Smith or Mr. and Mrs. John Smith can be recognized for membership as the result of one gift of \$10,000.

The following are **eligible** for membership:

- Individual gifts that are matched by the donor's employer that together equal \$10,000 or more qualify the individual for membership. For example, if Joan Smith gives \$5,000 to the Club and her employer matches her gift by also giving \$5,000, then Joan Smith is eligible for membership.
- A gift from a privately controlled company where the donor owns/controls the gift will qualify the donor as an individual for membership. The company is not recognized in the Society. For example, if John Smith owns XJZ Company and chooses to make his gift to the Club through the XJZ Company, then John Smith is eligible for membership.
- A gift from a family foundation where the donor **controls** the foundation's giving will qualify the individual donor for membership. For example, if Joan Smith is the donor and chairman of Joan Smith Family Foundation and chooses to give via her foundation, Joan Smith is eligible for membership in the donor's name or name of the family foundation.
- Donors who give through their "donor-designated funds" at community foundations or "donor-advised funds" through a brokerage company (i.e. Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund) may also be recognized in the Society in their name.

The following are **not eligible** for membership:

- Double-credit gifts, i.e. gifts given to another 501c-3 organization and “passed through” to the Club that qualify the donor for recognition from the other 501c-3 organization are **not eligible** for recognition. For example, a donor giving \$10,000 to the United Way and being recognized as a member in the Alexis de Tocqueville Society is not eligible for membership in The Jeremiah Milbank Society.
- Sponsorships, gifts-in-kind, or gifts to endowment or capital campaigns are not eligible.
- Gifts that are tied to tickets, events, special projects and/or programs are not unrestricted and thus should not be eligible.