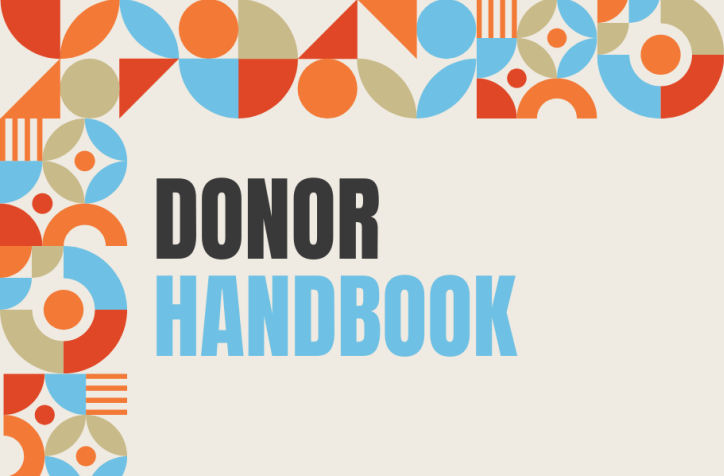




1-306-373-1660

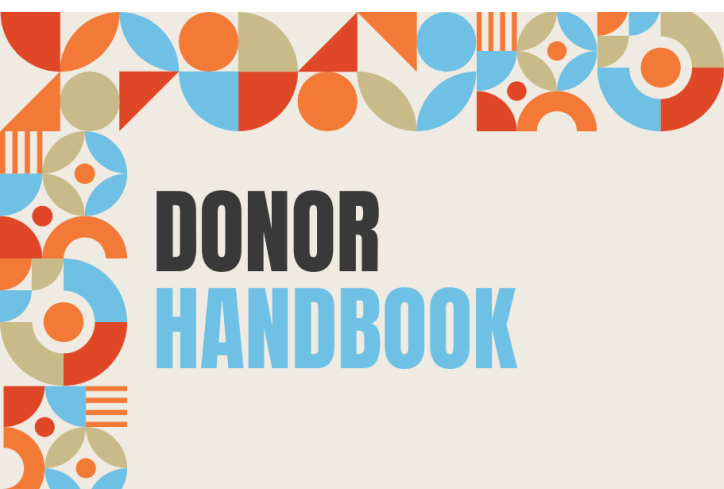
mcdowell@stf.sk.ca

www.mcdowellfoundation.ca

2317 Arlington Avenue, Saskatoon SK, S7J 2H8

Table of Contents

Donor Bill of Rights	2
About McDowell	3
When Teachers Lead, Students Succeed	4
Ways to Support McDowell	5
Legacy Giving	8

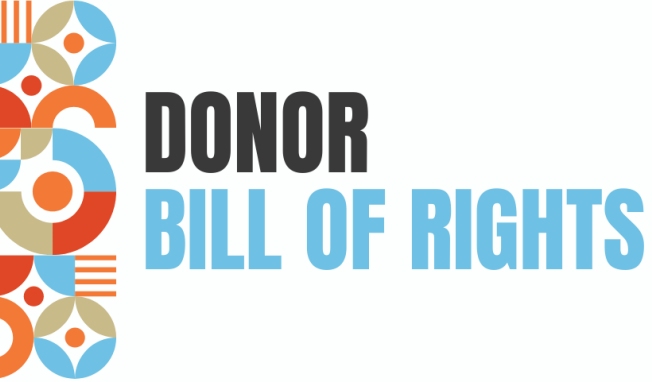


1-306-373-1660

mcdowell@stf.sk.ca

www.mcdowellfoundation.ca

2317 Arlington Avenue, Saskatoon SK, S7J 2H8



Philanthropy is based on voluntary action for the common good. To ensure that the philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the nonprofit organizations and causes they are asked to support, donors have the following rights:

1. To be informed of the organization's mission, of the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
2. To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization's governing board and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
3. To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.
4. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
5. To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.
6. To be assured that information about their donation is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
7. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
8. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization, or hired solicitors.
9. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.
10. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers.



ABOUT MCDOWELL

The Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research Into Teaching is an independent registered charitable organization established by the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation in 1991.

MISSION:

Enriching teaching and learning by supporting professionally-led educational research.

We are named in honour of Dr. Stirling McDowell whose visionary work, internationally recognized research, and ability to inspire cooperation and creativity in education was only exceeded by his unwavering pride and passion for student learning and the teaching profession.

The McDowell Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors with the majority being teachers. The Board of Directors is supported by staff, a Project Review Committee, and Fundraising Committee.

Current Board of Directors:

Diana Jemieff Hayes (President)

Callie Lewry (Vice-President)

Alexander Tawpisim

Amaya Ander

Ashley Squires

Carla Lobry

Chris Atkinson (Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan)

Denise Heppner (Professional Learning, STF)

Elizabeth Hutton Kristiansen (Senior Administrative Staff, STF) Kelley Ehman

Kelley Ehman (League of Educational Administrators, Directors, and Superintendents)

Lois Keller

Fundraising Committee:

Diana Jemieff Hayes

Callie Lewry

Nora Worby

Tish Karpa



WHEN TEACHERS LEAD, STUDENTS SUCCEED

Public education is the cornerstone of a successful society, and research into effective teaching strategies is crucial for enhancing teaching and learning in Saskatchewan. Teacher-led research is more important now than ever; however, teachers often lack the time, resources, and opportunities to explore and reflect on their practice in formal ways.

The McDowell Foundation bridges this gap by:

- **Funding research projects that explore a wide range of educational topics such as Indigenous Education, Literacy, Mathematics and Science, Teacher Well-Being, and more.**
- **Providing information, resources, and training to educators seeking to formalize their own research.**
- **Sharing research findings that empower teachers to reflect on their practice.**
- **Developing resources that support teachers in growing and implementing teaching techniques that enhance student engagement, understanding, and achievement.**

Since its inception in 1991, the McDowell Foundation has been a leader in fostering collaboration between teachers, administrators, universities, and other education sector partners.

Through our efforts we have been able to:

- Provide funding for over 350 projects impacting countless teachers, students, and classrooms in Saskatchewan.
- Award more than \$2.5 million in grants to Saskatchewan educators.
- Share research findings through conferences, Salon Series, and other publications.
- Support and enhance teaching and learning throughout Saskatchewan.

We are only able to do this work thanks to the dedication and generous support of our donors whose donations go directly towards supporting teacher-led research in the province. Consider one of the many ways you can support the work of McDowell today!



WAYS TO SUPPORT THE MCDOWELL FOUNDATION

There are several ways that you can support the McDowell Foundation. The McDowell Foundation is a registered charity and issues tax receipts for all donations. For donations made through Canada Helps, a tax receipt will be issued by Canada Helps. For more information or to donate, please read below or contact the foundation at mcdowell@stf.sk.ca or 1-800-667-7762.

Gifts of Cash, Cheque or Credit Card

Individuals and organizations can make one-time or recurring donations by cash, cheque, or credit card. Donations can be made out to the McDowell Foundation.

To donate in person or by mail, our office is located in the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation building at the following address:

2317 Arlington Avenue
Saskatoon, SK
S7J 2H8

To donate by phone, please call 1-800-667-7762.

Online Donations – Canada Helps

Individuals and organizations can make one-time or recurring donations online by using the McDowell Foundation's [Canada Helps webpage](#).

Canada Helps is a safe and reliable online donation platform used by many Canadian non-profit organizations. It allows you to make immediate, monthly, or memorial donations using Mastercard, Visa, American Express, or PayPal.

If you have any issues with your Canada Helps donation, please visit the [following link](#) or contact the Foundation directly.

Payroll Deductions (STF Members)

The Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation Provincial Collective Bargaining Agreement (2019-2023) provides the authority to deduct voluntary contributions to the McDowell Foundation from any employee who is under contract with a school division and receives regular salary payments.

Members have the option to donate a lump sum, annually, or monthly through a payroll deduction.

This option is also available to anyone currently employed by the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation.

Payroll Deduction Resources:

[Payroll Deduction Form](#)

[Payroll Deduction Guide](#)

[School Division Payroll Contacts](#)

Gifts in Memory or Honour

The Foundation gratefully accepts gifts in memory of a loved one. If you would like to designate the Foundation as a charity of choice in honour of a loved one, please contact us. Memorial envelopes are available upon request, or donations can be made online through Canada Helps. Memorial donations are also recognized on the McDowell Foundation website.

The Foundation also accepts donations to recognize or celebrate special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, retirements, or career milestones. If you would like to donate in honour of a special occasion, please contact the Foundation directly.

Endowed or Directed Gifts

The Foundation recognizes the importance of ongoing sustainability and invites donors to consider contributing to the growth of the McDowell Endowment Fund through an endowed gift. The Foundation will retain this capital contribution for 10 years.

The Foundation gratefully accepts gifts provided to support areas of research that fall within the mandate of the Foundation. In the past, gifts have been directed to support research into literacy, visual arts, middle years education, and superannuated teachers. Please contact the Foundation directly if you would like to make a directed gift so we can support you in ensuring your gift is used according to your wishes.

Gifts of Shares or Mutual Funds

Donation by shares or mutual funds is also an option. Transferring securities from your brokerage account to the Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research Into Teaching Inc. eliminates your capital gains tax. This generates greater tax savings than if you sold the securities and then donated the cash proceeds. We recommend that you seek professional advice from your tax or financial advisor before making this kind of donation. Topics to discuss include Canadian regulations that enable down market capital losses to be carried back three years and to forward indefinitely to offset capital gains.

Gifts in a Will

The most common form of legacy giving is through a gift in your will. Options for a gift in a will (bequest) include leaving a specific sum of money, a specific asset (e.g., property), or a certain percentage of your estate. Your estate will receive a charitable receipt for the gift. To ensure your wishes are fulfilled, we advise you seek professional advice from your lawyer, financial planner, and/or estate planner related to options for your gift and clear will language. Talking to your loved ones and us about your plans is also beneficial to all involved. Donors who decide to leave a gift in their estate are invited to join as Founding Members of the McDowell Foundation Legacy for Learning Society. For more details on bequests, consult this [PDF](#) or contact the Foundation directly.

Gifts of Life Insurance

People usually buy life insurance to protect their loved ones, and sometimes this is no longer required. Those with an interest in enhancing the quality of learning for Saskatchewan students may name the McDowell Foundation as a beneficiary. To gift life insurance, your options include:

- Naming Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research Into Teaching Inc. as beneficiary of a policy enables benefits to be paid directly to the Foundation. This is the simplest form of donating a policy. Giving this way entitles your estate to a charitable donation receipt, avoids probate taxes, and minimizes the risk of creditor claims against the estate.
- Donating an existing life insurance policy involves designating Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research Into Teaching Inc. as the owner and beneficiary of an existing policy that you no longer need. You will receive a charitable receipt for the policy's cash surrender value. If further payments are required, you will receive a charitable donation receipt for the payments you make after the McDowell Foundation becomes the owner and beneficiary.
- Donating a new policy purchased with Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research Into Teaching Inc. as the owner and beneficiary. If you choose this option, you will receive a charitable donation receipt for the full amount of all premiums paid.

We recommend you discuss the life insurance options with your family and your professional advisors.

Gifts of RRSPs, RRIFs, and/or TFSAs

Your estate is entitled to a charitable donation receipt when you name Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research Into Teaching Inc. (our legal name) as the direct beneficiary of a RRSP, RRIF, or TFSA. This option avoids probate taxes and minimizes the risk of creditor claims against the estate. Setting up such a donation is as simple as asking your financial advisor or financial institution to change the beneficiary to Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research Into Teaching Inc.

Gifts of Real Estate

Depending on your holdings, it is possible to donate property, buildings, land, or a residence that you own. To learn more about donating real estate along with what we can and cannot accept, please contact the Foundation directly.