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PLEDGES & OUTRIGHT GIFTS

Pledges are commitments donors make to donate in the future with a single gift or through scheduled payments and can be pledged up to five years. Pledge payments can be made by check, credit card, or cash.

IRA GIVING

Individuals who are age 70½ or older can make gifts directly from their IRA account, without paying federal income tax on the withdrawal. This includes qualified minimum distributions. You cannot receive goods or services, or a personal benefit (such as tickets for events) in return for the gift.

GIFTS OF STOCK

The gift value is fair market value on that day, and you pay no tax on capital gains.

FOREVER GOLD/ ESTATE GIVING

Planned gifts can be made through your will, trust or a beneficiary designation of retirement plan or other assets. Some planned gifts can provide you or others with lifetime income.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

You can recommend a grant from your Donor Advised Fund to the University of Minnesota Foundation to support Gopher Athletics.

MATCHING PROGRAMS

Many companies will match your Golden Gopher Fund contribution at 2-to-1 or more, significantly increasing your impact and giving level.

For information on how any gift may affect your tax situation, please consult with your own professional advisor.



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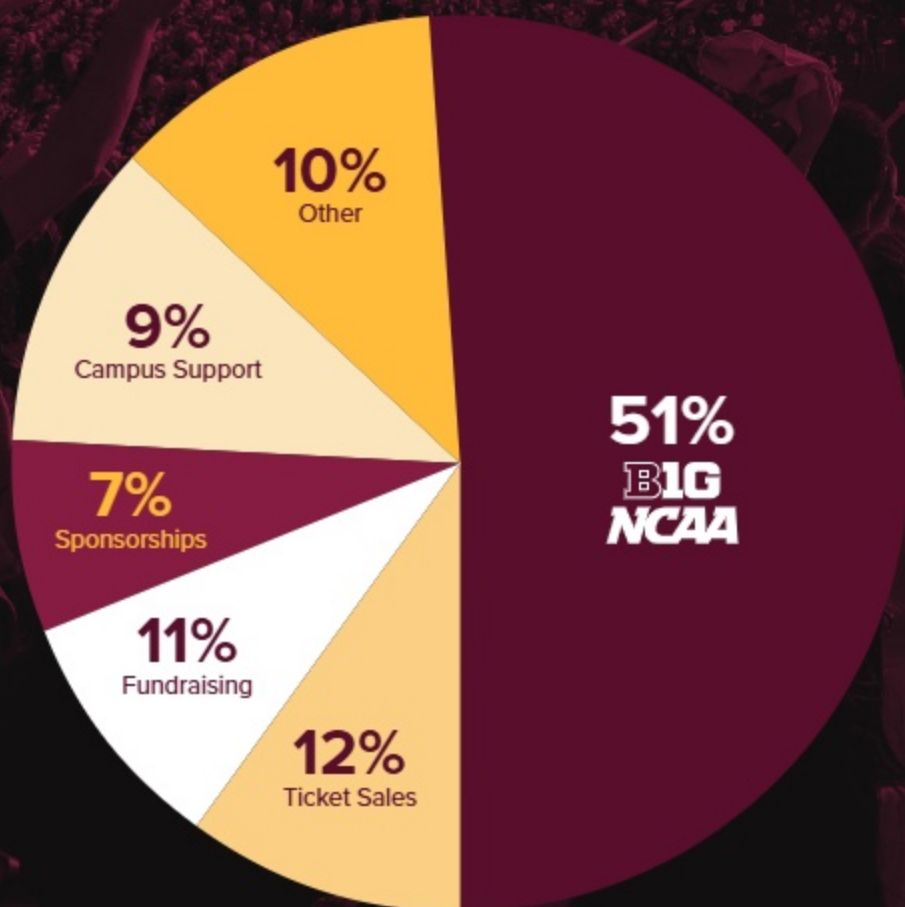


FUNDING PRIORITIES

GOLDEN GOPHER FUND

Gifts to the Golden Gopher Fund are essential to the success of Gopher Athletics. These contributions provide critical scholarship and program support, helping fulfill our commitment to student-athletes as they strive to excel academically, athletically, and socially.

GOPHER ATHLETICS REVENUES



FY26 PROJECTED REVENUES

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

Beginning in the 2026–27 academic year, the University of Minnesota Athletics Department will add 35 new scholarships across 11 men's and women's athletics programs. These opportunities will expand access for student-athletes to excel in competition, in the classroom, and within the community.

MARKETING FUNDS, NIL, ROSTER RETENTION

Name, Image, & Likeness - NIL support plays a critical role in retaining top talent and ensuring our programs remain competitive at the highest level of Division I athletics programs.

TEAM ENHANCEMENT FUNDS

Competing at an elite level requires investment beyond basic needs. Team enhancement funds provide coaches with the flexibility to elevate their programs—supporting additional resources that directly impact student-athlete development and sustain championship-caliber performance.

UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT

Unrestricted gifts, considered "Golden Gopher Fund" gifts, are vital to Gopher Athletics. These dollars provide scholarship and program support to assist in fulfilling our commitment to our student-athletes for them to excel academically, athletically, and socially.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Gifts toward capital projects help create and maintain premier facilities where student-athletes can train and compete at a championship level. These investments also enhance competition venues and elevate the game-day experience for Gopher fans.

ENDOWMENTS

Endowments are a lasting legacy of support for Gopher student-athletes. They provide essential financial support for students year after year, generation after generation. Because an endowment lives in perpetuity, it provides a meaningful way for supporters to leave a lasting legacy - in their name or the name of a loved one - in support of Gopher Athletics.

STUDENT-ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

Our commitment extends beyond competition. We invest in the holistic development of every student-athlete by providing transformational leadership and life-skill programming. Areas of support include the Lindahl Academic Center, Leadership U, Athletic Performance, Sports Nutrition, and Sports Psychology—ensuring each student-athlete is prepared for success during and after their time at the University.