

What is The Cate Fund?

The Cate Fund is the School's most important fundraiser each year. It refers to gifts made yearly or as part of a multi-year pledge arranged between the donor and the School. The Cate Fund accounts for approximately ten percent of our yearly operating budget. We design our budget to provide each Cate student with an unparalleled education in a dynamic living-learning environment.

How does the School use the Cate Fund?

The School uses donations for faculty professional development, academic resources and supplies, yearly facility improvements, equipment and technology purchases, financial assistance, and extracurricular expenses. Gifts made to the Cate Fund also allow the School to seize exciting opportunities and prepare for unforeseen challenges.

Who gives to the Cate Fund?

Each year, we ask all members of the Cate community to donate. Generous support comes from parents, alumni, grandparents, past parents, foundations, and friends.

Doesn't tuition cover the cost of educating a Cate student?

Tuition covers a portion of the cost of educating a Cate student. The difference or "bridge" must be met through fundraising activities.

How much should I give?

You should give at a level that is meaningful for your family. Giving your best gift is essential! We seek 100% participation from our parents, alumni, grandparents, and friends.

How do I give?

You have several options to make your contribution. You can mail a check, donate online at cate.org/giving, Venmo @guacamolecate, or PayPal, or call Alison Boris, Cate Fund Director, at 805-684-4127 ext. 266. You also have the option to make a recurring gift through our online portal.

How can I find out more about Cate's fundraising program?

Contact Alison Boris, Cate Fund Director, for more information about Cate's fundraising program and financial model. You can also ask for a copy of Cate's *Report on Philanthropy*, which explains how gifts to the School are allocated and used.