You are cordially invited to become a part of the University of Kentucky’s history and help build its future as a member of The University of Kentucky President’s Club.
Annual gifts make many things possible at the University of Kentucky—student scholarships… travel abroad opportunities… innovative research… outreach programs…and much more. In fact, annual gifts impact each college and program on campus in a meaningful way, and enable the University to address its most pressing needs.

In recognition of the importance of leadership annual gifts of $1,000 or more, the University of Kentucky invites you to join with its most generous annual donors in becoming a member of the new University of Kentucky President’s Club. Membership in the President’s Club is offered to UK donors who make significant gifts each year—the kinds of gifts that can help the University accomplish its mission and change lives.

Donors who give to any account, in any college or program, are eligible for membership in the President’s Club.
The need has never been greater...

Forty years ago, the Kentucky state legislature provided more than 50 percent of the University’s operating budget. While the legislature’s support is critically important, the sum being provided today reflects a much smaller percentage of what it actually costs to operate the University.

In addition, UK tuition now stands at almost $10,000 per year for an in-state undergraduate student. And while the University continues to attract outstanding students from across Kentucky and the world, more require additional scholarship support.

Annual gifts make a difference and provide a margin of excellence in all that we do.

Tonya B. Parsons ’91
UK President’s Club member

Why do you feel it is important to give to UK on an annual basis?

“I feel that education is imperative to our society and is essential for the development of our state and local communities. I believe that everyone should have the opportunity to receive a college education, and by giving to the University, I can make that possible. I decided to give back to UK to better my alma mater, my life and my community.”
Private annual gifts are as important to the University of Kentucky as key architectural elements are to the strength of UK's campus buildings.

Foundation Level: cumulative annual gifts of $1,000-$2,499
Similar to the foundations of UK's signature structures, gifts at the Foundation Level of the President's Club provide a base of support for the University's historic mission. Donors designate their gifts at this level for many different purposes, from student scholarships to instructional materials.

Cornerstone Level: cumulative annual gifts of $2,500-$4,999
Just as a cornerstone represents the strategic starting place for the construction of a building, the private gifts and vision of the University's early leaders provided a beginning point for the indispensable University we know today. UK friends and alumni have many options for designating their gifts at this level of the President's Club, including new classroom equipment and state-of-the-art technology.

Colonnade Level: cumulative annual gifts of $5,000-$9,999
Colonnades are rows of evenly-spaced columns. Examples of these structural elements can be seen on the University of Kentucky campus. Donors earmark their gifts at the Colonnade Level of the President's Club to give meaningful annual support to a variety of academic, research or other programs.

Capstone Level: cumulative annual gifts of $10,000 or more
Like the finishing piece of a building, gifts at the Capstone Level represent the highest echelon of President's Club recognition for annual support. Capstone Level gifts make a significant impact, whether they are designated for general college or program support, for student scholarships or for another area of the University. (Gifts of $25,000 or more qualify donors for membership in both the President's Club and the UK Fellows Society.)

The benefits of membership in the UK President's Club include special invitations to campus President's Club events, opportunities for involvement with President Eli Capilouto and a regular email newsletter with special updates and features.
David Ritchie '08, '12

UK Medical School student and scholarship recipient

“I’ve both seen and experienced personally the impact of private giving at the University of Kentucky. As an undergraduate, I worked to raise support for the UK Pediatric Oncology Clinic through DanceBlue, and I was able to meet children and families whose lives were touched by other people’s generosity. And as a medical student, I appreciate the private gifts which are helping me achieve my dream of becoming a physician so I can help people in their times of need.”

Membership considerations...

• Membership is open to all alumni and friends of the University of Kentucky.

• President’s Club membership is the result of annual giving in the amount of $1,000 or more throughout the University’s fiscal year which begins on July 1 and ends on June 30 the following calendar year. Membership is renewed each fiscal year by making a gift at the President’s Club level.

• Gifts to any designation or combination of designations throughout the University will be counted toward membership in the President’s Club. For example, a gift of $500 to a college scholarship fund combined with a gift of $500 to the University’s Annual Fund made in the same fiscal year will qualify the donor for membership.

• Total giving from each household will be considered for President’s Club membership. If an individual makes a qualifying-level gift, then membership will also be offered to the individual’s spouse.

• Total gifts received will be counted toward President’s Club membership. Pledges yet to be fulfilled will not be considered.
A word from the President...

For nearly 150 years, the University of Kentucky has provided high-quality education to generations of students from the Commonwealth and beyond. Although much about our world has changed in that time, our commitment to excellence in teaching, research, scholarship and service is unyielding.

We are dedicated to the land-grant university promise to apply discovery and new knowledge in ways that address significant challenges in the midst of a dramatically changing world. Our driving vision as a university is to create a better quality of life for Kentuckians. We are committed to improving the Commonwealth.

And now more than ever, UK needs the loyalty, leadership and financial support of its alumni and friends to help extend – and enhance – its long tradition of excellence. The greatest days are ahead for the University of Kentucky. This is a place where lives are changed – our dreams are Kentucky’s hopes.

I invite you to partner with us by becoming a member of the University of Kentucky President’s Club.
Yes, I want to become a member of the UK President’s Club at the following level:

- Foundation Level (cumulative annual gifts of $1,000 - $2,499)
- Cornerstone Level (cumulative annual gifts of $2,500 - $4,999)
- Colonnade Level (cumulative annual gifts of $5,000 - $9,999)
- Capstone Level (cumulative annual gifts of $10,000 or more)

I have already made a gift that qualifies me for membership in the President’s Club this fiscal year.

Enclosed is my check for $________ payable to the University of Kentucky.

Please charge my credit card (circle one):
- VISA
- MC
- AmEx
- Discover

Amount $________  Acct. No.  _______________ Exp. Date _________

Please contact me about other gift options for President’s Club membership.

I prefer to be contacted by:
- Telephone
- Email
- Postal Mail

I want my gift to be:
- Unrestricted for the University to use where the need is greatest.
- Restricted for the following purpose:  __________________________

Please print preferred name(s) of member(s) for President’s Club recognition:

Name(s) for Individual or Joint membership
Street  ________________________________________________________
City ____________________________ State _______  ZIP ____________
Preferred phone ___________________ Alternate phone ________________
Email ________________________________________________________
Employer _____________________________________________________

Yes, my employer matches employee/retiree gifts to higher education.

Signature ___________________________________ Date  ____________