



# You Have **BOLD** Questions, We Have **BOLD** Answers

Hi Yalie!

You are a member of BOLD, Bulldogs of the Last Decade. This program celebrates Yale alumni who graduated in the last ten years.

Lots of you have asked questions about how the Alumni Fund works. We took some of the most popular and answered them here. Bonus – read to the end for a fun surprise!

Cheers to you,

The Yale Alumni Fund Team



## What does my gift to the Alumni Fund support?

Your gift to the Alumni Fund provides current-use, or immediately available, support for the things that make Yale an incredible place to learn and grow. You can designate your gift to one or more areas of interest or give without restriction to support the university's most pressing needs.



## Wait, what does "current use" mean?

"Current use" means that your gift will be spent now, rather than invested in Yale's endowment or saved for a later time. All gifts to the Alumni Fund are current use. This money goes to work right away. Every dollar you give will immediately help Yale's critical needs such as financial aid for students, teaching, and student life.



## What is a sustaining gift or recurring gift?

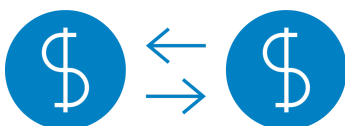
A sustaining gift, sometimes called a recurring gift, is a great way to support Yale and put your giving on autopilot. You can select the amount and the frequency of your gift, and your donations will be automatic. You can choose to donate every month, every quarter, twice a year, or yearly.



## Why so many emails?

We know everyone is busy, and sometimes making your annual gift can slip your mind. Others may not be sure why they should give to Yale. We stay in touch to show you all the ways your giving makes a difference. If you know you'll make a gift this year, please do it now and you won't hear much from us except to say "THANK YOU!"

We can take care of this right now. [Please make your gift to the Alumni Fund today.](#)



## What is a matching gift?

A matching gift happens when you give to Yale, and your employer makes a gift that matches the amount you give. Your \$25 gift becomes a \$50 donation. Many companies offer matching gift programs. [Use this web form](#) or inquire within your company today to find out if your employer will match your gift.



## What is a joint gift?

Many members of the young alumni cohort get married during their BOLD years—sometimes to each other! When one member of the couple makes a gift, both can get Alumni Fund credit and be considered donors to the Fund. To ensure that you and your spouse both get credit, please include your spouse's name in the comment field along with a note that it's a joint gift.

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## Can I volunteer for the Alumni Fund?

Volunteering for the Alumni Fund is a fun way to network, stay in touch with your classmates, and support the university. You can join over 2,300 alumni who volunteer each year for Yale. To learn more, email [devyn.evans@yale.edu](mailto:devyn.evans@yale.edu). Please be sure to include your Yale College class year in your email.

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You're a rockstar of a devoted Bulldog! Thank you!

As a reward, consider this fun riddle: **What was born in New York City, is the oldest of its kind, has hundreds of imitators, and currently lives in New Haven?**

If you think you know the answer, email [Amanda Baker](mailto:Amanda.Baker), Deputy Director for Young Alumni and Students, and if you're right, you'll get a prize!

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