



What is the MICDS Fund?

Representing 5% of the School's annual operating budget, the MICDS Fund is a critical source of **unrestricted** revenue for MICDS. Tuition and the Endowment cover the majority of the School's budget, but a gap per student exists between what is charged for tuition and what it **truly** costs to give each MICDS student a transformative education. The MICDS Fund bridges the gap, and the dollars are spent in the same year in which they are raised. Your gift literally has an **IMMEDIATE impact**.

TO SUM IT UP

School Revenue: Tuition + Endowment = 95%; **MICDS Fund = 5%**
Impacts the life of Every Student, Every Day!

Where does my MICDS Fund gift go?

The MICDS Fund acts as the School's "checking account," paying for the day-to-day necessities that arise, and it keeps the campus functioning. *67%+ of these day-to-day necessities are the salaries and benefits for our faculty and staff.* **Therefore, the majority of your gift supports the people who make MICDS so special.** You can designate your MICDS Fund gift to an area that is most meaningful to you such as, Area of Greatest Need, Academic Engagement, Athletics, Faculty Excellence, Fine & Performing Arts, and Student Financial Assistance.

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Expenses – The largest portion of the MICDS Fund pays faculty/staff salaries and benefits. The remaining funds support financial aid, student services, technology, arts, athletics, and activities. And, you can direct your gift to the area that is most meaningful to you.



Does my gift really make a difference?

YES! Our community has fewer supporters than a large university or national charity. We receive support from our Board of Trustees, parents, alumni, grandparents, parents of alumni, and faculty & staff. **Alumni, at any age, make a difference! Alumni participation indicates satisfaction in their MICDS experience.** We are fortunate to have a large endowment, however, a large portion of it is restricted for specific use and is unable to be used for general operating expenses.

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Not only does a gift help support the School THIS YEAR, your gift will help prepare the next generation for success! Your school experience was supported by alumni who came before you.

How and when do I give?

During MICDS Madness! **The Challenge runs March 7 - 14, 2024.** The challenge kicks off on March 7 with email blasts, social media posts, and peer-to-peer outreach to classmates. The MICDS fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30, so we will count all gifts within this time frame.

Please remember that you can simply pledge during the challenge, and you have until June 30, 2024 to pay the pledge!

[This links to our MICDS Madness 2024 page on the Give Campus platform.](#) Alternatively, you can submit a gift or pledge online at <https://www.micds.org/give>, you can call your gift/pledge in to 314-995-7380, email your pledge to Sue Ann Stanton, Director of Annual Giving at sstanton@micds.org, or you can mail a check to the MICDS Alumni Office – 101 North Warson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124.

All gifts to the MICDS Fund are considered charitable donations and are fully tax-deductible.



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MICDS Madness – March 7 - 13, 2024

Make gifts/pledges at

<https://give.micds.org/micds-madness-2023> or
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Make a pledge and pay by June 30th