

The OSA Foundation: Year-End Giving

As 2005 winds down, I would like to reflect on the great progress being made by the OSA Foundation, now in its fourth year. Already we have launched a number of impressive programs that support the Foundation's mission of advancing youth science education and supporting optics and photonics in developing countries. We are looking forward to expanding these efforts in 2006.

The Foundation also provides a wonderful opportunity for us, as members of the optics and photonics community, to give back and personally make an impact on future generations of scientists and engineers.

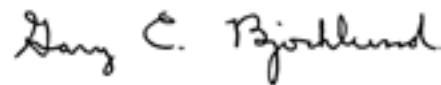
This year alone we funded eight initiatives, including a partnership with the Girl Scouts to develop a fun and educational book on optics and photonics targeted towards young women; membership grants for scientists and students in developing countries; travel grants to ensure that students from developing countries have access to OSA conferences; funding for Local Sections and Student Chapters to expand their educational outreach programs; and more.

Ongoing support from OSA members and the scientific community is essential to ensuring the continuation and expansion of the Foundation's philanthropic activities.

As we approach the end of 2005, I invite your support through a donation to the Foundation. No matter what level of contribution, you can rest assured that it will be an important investment in developing the scientists and engineers of tomorrow. Even better, every donation received through the Foundation is matched dollar for dollar by OSA, doubling the impact of your gift.

Please join me and your colleagues in supporting the OSA Foundation. Donations can be made online at www.osa-foundation.org/donate, on your membership dues renewal invoice or by requesting a donation form from the Foundation staff (foundation@osa.org).

Sincerely,



Gary Bjorklund
OSA Foundation Board Chairman



[Ways to Give]

The OSA Foundation offers a variety of ways for members to support our mission.

Annual Fund

Contributions of cash, stocks, bonds and other appreciated securities are accepted through the year. These donations directly support Foundation programs.

Memorial Gifts

Gifts made in memory of loved ones are important ways in which OSA members, friends and family honor those in the scientific community who have passed away.

Honorary Gifts

An honorary gift is a wonderful way to acknowledge a family member, friend or colleague while supporting philanthropic activities.

The Optics Trust

Become part of a special group of OSA members and supporters who have included the OSA Foundation in their wills and estate plans.

Award Endowments

Establishing an award endowment is a meaningful way to support scientific achievement on an ongoing basis. An OSA award can be created and permanently endowed with a one-time minimum gift of \$37,500.

Special Programs

This donation option allows donors to provide support for a program that may fall outside the scope of the Foundation's primary program areas.

For more information about the OSA Foundation and our programs, please visit www.osa-foundation.org or contact our development staff at telephone: 202.416.1421, e-mail: foundation@osa.org.

The OSA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, as defined by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Because the Foundation is a public charity, all gifts made to it are income tax deductible. For more information, please visit www.irs.gov/charities/index.html. As you consider your financial circumstances at the end of the year, please keep in mind the benefits that a charitable contribution to the OSA Foundation can bring—not only to the optics and photonics community but to your personal tax situation as well.

OSA recommends that you contact a tax advisor for assistance with any form of giving. All gifts are acknowledged annually in Optics & Photonics News, unless the donor has requested to be anonymous. Donations must be received by December 31, 2005, to be included in the 2005 Annual Fund.