

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Describe what financial transactions constitute a gift.
- Recognize when a gift transaction is completed.
- Identify the annual gift exclusion amount.
- Differentiate between present interest and future interest gifts.
- Recognize the types of gifts that are not subject to gift taxes.
- Recognize the benefits of gift splitting.
- Identify the form that is used for gift taxes and the due date for submitting it.

PART 1 – GIFT TAXES

TOPICS COVERED

- Gift Tax Defined
- Unified Transfer Tax System
- Lifetime Exclusion for an Estate
- Why Gift Taxes are Required
- Timing of a Gift
- Gifts to an Entity
- Crummey Trusts
- Gifts to Minors
- Outright Gifts
 - Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Trust Income Tax Rates
 - 2019 Trust Income Tax Rates
 - 2020 Trust Income Tax Rates
- Guardianship
- Custodial Arrangements
- Present Interest of Gifts to a Minor
- Qualified State Tuition Programs
- Not all Gifts are Subject to Gift Tax
- Gifts that do not exceed annual exclusion
- Gifts to a Spouse
- Charitable Gifts
- Transfers to charitable organizations not subject to federal gift tax
- Political Contributions
- Qualified Tuition Payments
- Medical Costs
- Annual Exclusion Amount
- Unlimited Donees
- Gifts Exceeding \$15,000
- Present Interest vs. Future Interest

PART 2 - TRUSTS

TOPICS COVERED

- Trusts Defined
- Reasons for Using a Trust
- Living vs. Testamentary Trusts
- Building Blocks of a Trust
- Trusts - Revocable

- Trusts - Living
 - Reversion Defined
 - Living Trust Advantages
 - Living Trust Disadvantages
 - Pour-Over Will
- Trusts - Irrevocable
- Trusts - Testamentary
- The Taxation of Trusts
- Grantor Trusts
- Grantor Retained Income Trusts
- Using Revocable Trusts
- Estates Compared to Living Trusts
- Using Irrevocable Trusts
 - 2019 Trust Income Tax Rates
 - 2020 Trust Income Tax Rates
- Capital Gains Treatment in Trusts
- Deduction of Estate Planning Expenses
- Deduction of Expenses
- Gift Tax with Respect to Trusts
- Estate Tax with Respect to Trusts
- Unlimited Marital Deduction
- Marital Deduction Trust
- Qualified Terminable Interest Property (QTIP) Trust
- "A-B" Trusts
- "A-B-C" (QTIP) Trust
- Tax Basis
- Alternative Valuation
- Revocable Living Trust Clauses
- Identification Clause
- Trustee Clause
- Property Transfer Clause
- Revocation and Amendment Clause
- Income and Principle Clause
- Recital Clause
- Trustee Requirements
 - Advantages of Hiring Corporate Trustees
 - Advantages of Hiring Individual Trustees
- Trust Termination Clause
- Life Insurance Trust
- Gift Splitting
 - Consent to Gift Split Applies to All Gifts
 - Gift Splitting Requirements
 - Community Property States
- Gift Tax Return
- Gift Tax Return Due Date:
- Valuation
- Real Estate
 - Valuation Understatement
- Computing Gift Tax
- Generation Skipping Transfers
- Transfer Types
- Exemption Amount
- How to compute generation skipping transfer tax
- Generation Skipping Terminations Tax (GSTT)
- Generation Skipping Distribution Tax (GSDT)
- Direct Skip Gift Tax (DSGT)
- Direct Skip Estate Tax (DSET)
- Filing the return and paying the GSTT
- Gifts and bequests from expatriates
- Tax Cuts and Jobs Act – Changes related to Estate, Gift, & Generation-Skipping Transfers Taxes
- Modifications to Estate, Gift, and Generation-Skipping Transfers Taxes