THE POST OAK SCHOOL



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EXCEPTIONAL

THE 2026–2027 POST OAK FUND

Thank you for considering Post Oak as part of your charitable giving. This brief guide is meant to help answer questions about the Post Oak Fund—the annual invitation to support the school.

Scan the QR code to visit
postoakschool.org/give.

FROM EXCELLENT TO EXCEPTIONAL

As a Post Oaker, you join a long history of extraordinary doers and volunteers. Your support of the Post Oak Fund has immediate impact and fuels the school long term.

This booklet illustrates how funds are used, the importance of participation, and other questions we often receive from families.

THE POST OAK FUND AT WORK

This year's Fund will support both campuses:

- Experiential learning and student innovation through research, gardening, robotics, and more
- Professional development opportunities, like Montessori certification, coaching, and deepening learning specialists' expertise to meet every student where they are
- Increased financial aid to ensure Post Oak is accessible for all families
- Campus improvements, including brand new floors and a major Kitchen Lab renovation at BC

Past gifts have transformed the school in many ways:

- Major safety improvements, including replacing the Bissonnet Campus fences and cybersecurity enhancements
- New activity bus for outings from both campuses
- Finishing touches to the Museum District Campus (e.g. covered basketball court, Tinkeria maker lab, and turfed quad)
- Updates to the Bissonnet Campus, including offsetting a $700,000 HVAC air-handler replacement, and repairing the plumbing and elevator systems

EDUCATE BEFORE YOU DONATE

Post Oak's basic operations—salaries, programs, and campus maintenance—run primarily on tuition, fees, and earned income. Philanthropic support, like the Post Oak Fund, adds financial stability and flexibility. This grows strategic initiatives, student opportunities, future campus enhancements, and much more.

THE GOAL FOR 2026–27 IS $600,000

The 2026–27 Post Oak Fund officially launches on October 21, at which time gifts and pledges can be made. If you wish to make a pledge, we ask for you to do so by November 20; pledges should be paid by May 1, 2027.

Co-chairs for this year's campaign are Shama Essa & Ahmad Shakurjamal (P '37 & '40) and Tina Petersen & John Duboise (P '28). They will work with Captains from each class who will reach out to families starting the week of October 26. They are available to answer any questions you have.

To donate online, please visit **postoakschool.org/give**. Contact Advancement Director Evan Wildstein with any questions at evanwildstein@postoakschool.org or 281-822-8024.



CONTRIBUTIONS IN RECENT YEARS

Fundraising success is defined in two important ways: dollars raised and participation. In most years we average 90% participation from the parent community—significantly higher than the 60% average participation from other independent schools around the country—and 100% from our Trustees.

POST OAK FUND RECENT HISTORY				
YEAR	GOAL	CONTRIBUTIONS	ENROLLMENT	PARTICIPATION
2025	$450,000	$516,732	495	86%
2024	$450,000	$474,828	493	86%
2023	$450,000	$721,973 *	487	90%
2022	$450,000	$495,129	502	94%
2021	$400,000	$385,066	504	89%

** Included $250,000 for a security enhancement project at the Bissonnet Campus*



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Post Oak Fund?

The Post Oak Fund is our annual philanthropic call for support. Every year we invite Trustees, parents, past parents, alumni, grandparents, and other friends to make essential, tax-deductible contributions. The 2026–2027 fund launches on October 21. We ask for responses by November 20 and for all pledges to be paid by May 1, 2027.

We pay tuition—why are we also asked for a contribution?

Post Oak takes a judicious financial approach that ensures tuition covers basic operating expenses. Each year, funds raised through the Post Oak Fund support continuous programmatic and physical improvements. These funds enhance and stabilize the school, and also allow us to respond quickly to needs not fully covered by tuition expenses (e.g., financial aid, professional development, facility repairs, and beyond).

Is my gift tax-deductible?

Yes, even though we know that's not the only reason you support the school! Post Oak is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, EIN 74-1486232. All gifts made to the school are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law, and all gifts are promptly accompanied by an acknowledgement for your records and tax purposes.

My company offers a matching gifts program—would the school be interested in this?

Please and thank you! Matching gifts are an easy way to double—or in some cases triple—the impact of your gift. Please submit a matching gift form (from your company) to the Advancement Office.

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE POST OAK FUND

MAIL	Fill in the reply form mailed to your family and return it via mail or in person.
ONLINE	Visit PostOakSchool.org and click "GIVE" on the homepage to make a pledge or gift via credit card or bank account/ACH. All major cards are accepted.
EMAIL	Pledges can be made anytime between October 21 and November 20; all pledges should be paid by May 1, 2027. Complete the form online OR email your pledge (name and amount) to Evan Wildstein at evanwildstein@postoakschool.org.
MONTHLY	To make monthly gifts, please select that option on the response form. By doing so your credit card will be charged monthly in the amount you identify.
MATCH	Matching is an easy way to grow the impact of your gift. Many employers will match part or all of an employee's charitable gifts. Let the Advancement Office know if your company matches through your form or email evanwildstein@postoakschool.org.
STOCK	We welcome gifts of securities or stocks. If you are considering a non-cash donation like this, email evanwildstein@postoakschool.org for transfer information.