## **General Information**

## What is the purpose of Schedule G?

Schedule G, Voluntary Charitable Donations, allows you to figure the amount of donations that you wish to make to one or more of the eligible funds. You may contribute any whole-dollar amount of \$1 or more.

Once you designate the funds to which you wish to contribute and the amount of your contribution, you may not file an amended return to make changes to the designated funds or the contribution amounts.

## What are the qualified contribution funds?

- a Wildlife Preservation Fund Help ensure the survival of native plants and animals with your contribution. Conservation of wildlife and their habitats is an ever-growing challenge. Your donation will pay for "on-the-ground" projects to restore habitat, conduct needed research on rare and endangered species, rehabilitate injured wildlife, and educate Illinoisans about the value of our native wildlife. Please visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Facebook page or the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov for more information.
- b Alzheimer's Disease Research Fund An estimated 220,000 Illinois residents suffer from Alzheimer's disease. Grants from this fund will help support important research to find a cure and treatment for this progressive and fatal brain disorder, which is the sixth leading cause of death in Illinois for people 65 and older.
- c Assistance to the Homeless Fund Your contribution supports local agencies that provide shelter, meals, and services needed by homeless families and individuals. The assistance given by the local not-for-profit organizations enables homeless people to regain residence in the community and maintain their independence.

- d Diabetes Research Fund Approximately 1 million Illinois residents have been diagnosed with diabetes, and another 500,000 residents are not aware they have the disease. Diabetes can cause serious health complications, including heart disease, blindness, and kidney failure, and is the seventh leading cause of death. Contributions will be used to support research on the detection, prevention, screening, management, and treatment of diabetes. One-half the funds will be dedicated to juvenile diabetes research efforts.
- e Thriving Youth Fund Your contribution supports community-based youth programs throughout the state in the form of grants to providers that deliver services promoting positive outcomes for youth. Your donation will help support programs such as TeenREACH, Redeploy Illinois, Homeless Youth, and Comprehensive Community-Based Youth Services. Please visit the Department of Human Services (DHS) website at www.dhs.state.il.us for more information.
- f Criminal Justice Information Projects Fund Help preserve the legacy of fallen Illinois police officers with your contribution. Grants from this fund will be distributed to the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation Fund, the Police Memorial Committee Fund, and the Illinois State Police Memorial Park Fund. Contributions will fund grants that provide financial assistance to police officers and their families when an officer is killed or injured in the line of duty, build and maintain memorials and parks, hold annual memorial commemorations, and provide scholarships to children of officers killed or injured in the line of duty or to those interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement.