

Example bequest language - Please feel free to use this sample language in preparing your will or living trust. Please contact us if you want to make a bequest to help Western.

Outright Bequests

The outright bequest is the simplest means of making a gift at your death.

I give Western Washington University Foundation, Bellingham, Washington _____ dollars (\$_____).

Or

I give Western Washington University Foundation, Bellingham, Washington, ____ percent (____%) of my estate.

Or

I give Western Washington University Foundation, Bellingham, Washington, ____ (number of shares of) _____ (name of stock) of my estate.

Residuary Bequest

A residuary bequest is a gift of the rest of your estate remaining after all debts, taxes, expenses, and other bequests have been paid.

I give Western Washington University Foundation, Bellingham, Washington, the rest, residue and remainder of my estate.

Contingent Bequests

The contingent bequest provides for family and friends and will benefit the University only if the named beneficiaries predecease you.

In the event my wife does not survive me, I give the sum of \$_____ to Western Washington University Foundation, Bellingham, Washington.

Designating a Bequest

Although an unrestricted bequest is of special value, allowing the University to use it however needed, many Western donors have special interests that they may wish to support.

You may designate the use of your bequest for such purposes as student scholarship support or faculty needs. A bequest may also be used to create an individually named

permanent endowment fund, which may be established with a minimum of \$25,000.

However, it is recommended that any specific purposes be described as broadly as possible. If circumstances permit, donors should consult the WWU Foundation before drafting a detailed plan for a specified purpose.

If a gift is restricted, it is desirable to include the following clause: If in the opinion of the Trustees of Western Washington University Foundation my gift cannot be usefully applied for such a purpose, this bequest may be used for another purpose that the Trustees believe is most in keeping with my expressed wishes and intent.

For purposes of legally naming the University in a bequest, please use: Western Washington University Foundation, Bellingham, Washington as the designee in your documents.