

Northwestern University

SAMPLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE

Below are several examples of suggested bequest wording which you may share with your legal counsel if you would like to make a gift to Northwestern University through your will or living trust. Because each individual situation is unique, we encourage all donors or their legal counsel to contact the Office of Gift Planning for guidance on appropriate language to effectuate your charitable intentions, especially if you intend for your gift to be restricted for a specific use. Thank you for considering including Northwestern in your estate plans.

To the University, unrestricted:

"I give to Northwestern University, an Illinois corporation, Evanston, Illinois, the sum of \$_____ (or _____ percentage of my estate) to be used by Northwestern for its unrestricted purposes."

To a particular school or unit, unrestricted:

"I give to Northwestern University, an Illinois corporation, Evanston, Illinois, the sum of \$_____ (or _____ percentage of my estate) to be used for the benefit of the (school or unit of your choice) without further restriction."

To a particular school or unit for a particular purpose:

"I give to Northwestern University, an Illinois corporation, Evanston, Illinois, the sum of \$_____ (or _____ percentage of my estate) to be used by (school or unit of your choice) for the support of _____."

If it is ever impossible, impracticable, or inadvisable to administer my gift in exactly the manner set forth above, then my gift may be used for the general educational and charitable purposes of Northwestern.¹

Legal Name: Northwestern University

Legal Address: 633 Clark Street, Evanston, IL 60208

Tax Identification No: 36-2167817

Please contact the Office of Gift Planning for assistance and wording for restricted bequests so we may help ensure that your legacy here will meet your objectives:

Phone: 800-826-6709

Email: giftplanning@northwestern.edu

¹ ***This sentence is absolutely crucial to include if there is any restriction placed on the use of the gift.*** If circumstances are such that it is impossible, impracticable, or inadvisable to use the gift for the purpose described in the will or living trust, this language makes it possible for Northwestern to use the gift instead for its general educational and charitable purposes. In such a case, Northwestern would be mindful of the donor's original charitable intention when selecting an appropriate alternate use.