

Bequest Language

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Charitable Bequests

A charitable bequest is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. Your estate is the sum of your assets, including property you own, insurance policies, retirement accounts, cash on hand, etc. There are different kinds of bequests. For each, you must use very specific language to indicate the precise direction of your assets, and to successfully carry out your final wishes. General bequests are assets left to certain people, organizations, or causes that come from the general value of the estate, and are made by designating a specific dollar amount, a particular asset, or a fixed percentage of your estate to the recipient of your choice.

In any charitable bequest, be sure to name the recipient accurately. For example, a bequest to The Cancer Society might go to national headquarters, when you meant it to go to the affiliate in your community.

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We offer bequest language below. Please note, we always recommend that you carefully review the terms of your will with a professional trained in handling trusts and estates.

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Art Libraries Society of North America (the “Society”), _____ [assuming cash or liquidated proceeds, please state the dollar amount, percentage of estate or trust value, or residual], for

- 1. The Society’s general fund/ operations; or*
- 2. An existing named fund or endowment fund.*

If at any time, in the judgment of the Executive Board of the Art Libraries Society of North America, the designated use of this bequest is no longer practicable or appropriate, then the Executive Board, in its discretion, shall use the bequest to further the general purposes of the Society, giving consideration, where possible, to my special interests as described above.



The Society prefers that bequests be made for its unrestricted general purposes. The Society does not accept vehicle or real estate donations.

If you wish to name one of our specific funds, please use this link <https://www.arlisna.org/support/donate-now> to verify the correct name. Keep in mind that, as the Society's needs change, so do our programs and named funds. Talk with your attorney about using language in your will that will ensure that your philanthropic objectives are met, even if the specific program or fund you name is no longer in existence.

The Art Libraries Society of North America is exempt from federal income tax and is classified as a 501(c)(3) organization. The Federal Taxpayer Identification number for the Art Libraries Society of North America is 23-7265874. Our legal name and address for use in a will, trust or other instrument of transfer is:

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