



Suggested Bequest Language

General Bequests are legacies left to certain people or causes that come from the general value of the estate, and are made by designating a specific dollar amount, a particular asset or fixed percentage of your estate to the cause of your choice.

General bequest language:

“I give, devise, and bequeath to 1000 Friends of Oregon, the sum of \$_____ (or a description of the specific asset), for the benefit of 1000 Friends of Oregon and its general purposes.”

Specific Bequests are made when a particular item or property is bequeathed for a designated purpose. (i.e., instruments bequeathed to the local school district for use in music education; dollar funds to be used in the operation of a school or church.)

Specific bequest language:

“I give, devise, and bequeath to 1000 Friends of Oregon, the sum of \$_____ (or a description of a specific asset), for the benefit of 1000 Friends of Oregon to be used for the following purpose: (state purpose).”

Residuary Bequests are made when you intend to leave the residue portion of your assets after other terms of the will have been satisfied.

Residuary bequest language:

“All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give to 1000 Friends of Oregon, for its general purposes.”

Contingency Bequests allow you to leave a portion of your estate to a particular charity if your named beneficiary does not survive you.

Contingency bequest language:

“I devise and bequeath the residue of the property, real and personal and wherever situated, owned by me at death, to (name beneficiary), if (she/he) survives me. If (name of beneficiary) does not survive me, I devise and bequeath my residuary estate to 1000 Friends of Oregon, for its general purposes.”

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