

CREATE A LASTING LEGACY

It's easy to create a lasting legacy at McMaster University through a number of affordable ways. One of the most common is a gift in your will. A charitable bequest will allow you to make a significant future contribution with little or no effect on your current finances.

WHAT IS A BEQUEST?

A bequest is a gift directed to McMaster University, specified according to your wishes through a provision in your will. Funds can be bequeathed as a specific dollar amount or asset, or as a percentage of the residue.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- As with any charitable donation, you may direct your gift to the area that is the most meaningful for you – and you may also provide an unrestricted donation to support the University's greatest needs.
- A bequest intention is revocable and can be changed if your personal or financial circumstances change.
- An estate can often provide a much larger gift than the donor can afford during life. With a little planning, you may be able to leave a significant legacy for generations to come.
- A bequest gift is eligible for a charitable tax receipt that can be applied to the final two income tax returns, which will reduce the overall tax burden on your estate.
- You can make a provision in your will to donate publicly listed securities, which could result in significant tax savings for your estate, as it will be exempt from the capital gains tax.
- Bequests are important sources of future income and/or assets for McMaster University and knowledge of these generous provisions allows the University to plan ahead for years to come.

TO LEARN MORE

We will be pleased to provide you with more detailed information on the different forms of bequests, as well as sample wording for your bequest intention.

YOUR IMPACT ON THE FUTURE

Ask us about other tax-smart and strategic ways to make a future gift tailored to your personal timeline and charitable goals. Once your needs and those of your loved ones have been met, please consider supporting future generations at McMaster University. Thank you.

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