

Sample bequest language

To make it easy for you, we have provided the following wording for your will. You can print it to send to your lawyer, or keep it for the right moment.

General bequest – designates a certain dollar amount of property, usually cash, to the charity you select.

Example: “I give to the QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation, Halifax, N.S., the sum of \$ _____.”

Specific bequest – directs that the QEII Foundation is to receive a specific piece of property.

Example: “I give to the QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation, Halifax, N.S., [insert number] shares of XYZ stock.”

Residual bequest – designates for the QEII Foundation all, or a portion, of whatever remains after all debts, taxes, expenses and other bequests have been paid.

Example: “I give to the QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation, Halifax, N.S., per cent (_____ %) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate.”

Contingent bequest – takes effect only under certain conditions.

Example: “In the event my wife does not survive me, I give to the QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation, Halifax, N.S., the sum of...”

When preparing a will you should consult a lawyer to ensure your wishes are legally binding. QEII Foundation charitable giving advisors are available to assist you and your financial or legal advisor.

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