



Sample Bequest Language

Giving a bequest must first—and always—stem from your goodwill to help our organization to continue our mission and service.



Various Sample Bequest Languages for a Last Will or Revocable Living Trust

A bequest to our organization can be established for a specific amount, for a percentage of your estate, or for all or a portion of what is left after you make bequests to your family.

General Bequest Language:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the Alachua County Library District Foundation, the sum of \$_____ (or a description of the specific asset), for the benefit of the Alachua County Library District Foundation and its general purposes."

Specific Bequest Language:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the Alachua County Library District Foundation, the sum of \$_____ (or a description of a specific asset), for the benefit of the Alachua County Library District Foundation to be used for the following purpose: (state the purpose). If at any time in the judgment of the trustees of the Alachua County Library District Foundation it is impossible or impracticable to carry out exactly the designated purpose, they shall determine an alternative purpose closest to the designated purpose."

Percentage Bequest Language:

"I bequeath to the Alachua County Library District Foundation, a charitable organization located in _____, an amount equal to ___ percent of the net value of my estate as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes."

Residuary Bequest Language:

"All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give to the Alachua County Library District Foundation, for the following purpose_____."

"Backstopping" Lifetime Gifts:

Donors may want to ensure their pledge to the Alachua County Library District Foundation is fully supported and funded. One way of ensuring these causes are supported is to establish a "backstop" in your estate provision. A "backstop" ensures that gifts through your estate will supplement your gifts made during your life to reach a complete level of support.

"To the extent I have not given the sum of \$ _____ to the Alachua County Library District Foundation, a not-for-profit organization located in LOCATION, for (specific purpose/fund/pledge/endowment) during my lifetime, I leave the amount necessary to bring my total giving to this institution to that amount."

Referencing the Gift Agreement in Donor's Bequest Language:

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Alachua County Library District Foundation, a not-for-profit organization, existing under the laws of the State of LOCATION, (percent of my estate, dollars, property, securities, etc.) to be used pursuant to the Gift Agreement heretofore entered into by and between the Alachua County Library District Foundation and myself."

If you have included our organization in your estate plans, please let us know. We want to thank you for your generosity, make sure we fully understand your gift's purpose, and appropriately recognize you.