



# Bequest

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**SUGGESTED LANGUAGE**

**BEQUEST**



**DEFEND FREEDOM  
WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT**

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**Suggested Language:** Are you considering leaving a lifetime gift to the National Rifle Association or one of its affiliates through a bequest? Thank you! Use this brochure as a reference point when you update your will, trust, or estate plan. The following is a suggested bequest language exercise. After reading and completing the first three steps, you will be prepared to meet with an attorney and leave a gift to the NRA

## Step 1 Choose a Beneficiary

**Choose from** the organizations below to determine a beneficiary. The 501(c)(3) or (c)(4) status can affect the distribution of your assets in relation to estate tax. Contact the NRA Office of Advancement's Planned Giving Department for more information. Be sure to use the full name listed below in all legal documentation.

### 501(c)(4) Organization:

National Rifle Association of America  
NRA-ILA (Institute for Legislative Action) \*

### 501(c)(3) Organizations:

The NRA Foundation, Inc.  
NRA Special Contribution Fund (NRA Whittington Center)  
The NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund  
NRA Freedom Action Foundation

## Step 2 Choose an Endowment (not required)

**Endowments are** set up to ensure that your investment is maximized because your gift, otherwise known as the principal, is never spent. Instead, it is invested and only a portion of the earnings are spent. Listed below are many different endowments, created to serve the needs of NRA members. In addition, donors can create a named endowment for gifts over \$100,000. Named endowments are sub-classified under our existing endowment categories.

### National Rifle Association Endowments:

- Competitive Shooting and National Championships Endowment
- Junior Programs Endowment
- Law Enforcement Activities Division Endowment
- Marksmanship Endowment
- National Endowment for the Protection of the Second Amendment (NRA-ILA)
- NRA General Endowment
- NRA Voice of Freedom Endowment

### The NRA Foundation, Inc. Endowments:

- Competitive Shooting and National Championships Endowment
- Disabled Shooting Services Endowment
- Firearms and Marksmanship Training Endowment
- Gun Collecting Endowment
- Gunsmith Training Endowment
- Handloading Education Endowment
- Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Endowment
- Law Enforcement Training Endowment
- National Firearms Museum Endowment
- NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund Endowment
- NRA Voice of Freedom Fund Endowment
- Range Facilities and Programs Endowment
- Scholarships Endowment
- The NRA Foundation General Endowment
- Women's Programs Endowment
- Youth Education Endowment

### NRA Special Contribution Fund Endowment:

- The NRA Whittington Center Endowment

### NRA Freedom Action Foundation Endowment:

- NRA Freedom Action Foundation General Endowment

## Step 3 Determine Your Type of Gift

**The following** is suggested language for your legal professional to integrate into your will or trust. The type of gift you want to make will determine the correct paragraph to choose. For instance, if you know you want to leave a specific amount, choose suggestion "a" for a specific bequest and fill in the blanks. If you want to leave a percentage of your entire estate, choose suggestion "b" for a residuary bequest and fill in the blanks. Suggestion "c" is for non-monetary gifts and you may use it for firearms or other tangible items. Also, use the beneficiary and endowment you chose in step 1 and 2 to help fill in the blanks.

### a) General or Endowment Specific Bequest

I give, devise and bequeath to the [fill in the beneficiary from step 1], 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or here otherwise describe the gift) for its [name the endowment from step 2 or put: general purposes as shall be determined by its Board]

### b) General or Endowment Residuary Bequest

All [or state a \_\_\_\_\_%] of the rest, residue, and remainder of my property, both real and personal and wheresoever situated, I give, devise and bequeath to the [fill in the beneficiary from step 1], 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, for its [name the endowment from step 2 or put: general purposes as shall be determined by its Board].

### c) General or Endowment Gift of Firearms or Other Personal Property

I give, devise and bequeath to [fill in the beneficiary from step 1], 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, [here describe the gift, e.g., coins, property, and/or firearms] for its [name the endowment from step 2 or put: general purposes as shall be determined by its Board].

## Step 4 Schedule an Appointment, Have Your Will or Trust Updated

**Your legal** professional may have other preferred text. The suggestions above are only shown as a guide.\*\* In addition, NRA is pleased to offer a no-obligation consultation detailing these opportunities. Please call the NRA Office of Advancement's Planned Giving Department at (877) NRA-GIVE (672-4483) for more information.

## Step 5 Notify the NRA

**NRA staff** will welcome you into the Heritage Society and thank you for taking this important step. As part of notifying NRA, we encourage you to provide us with a copy of your gift. Donors who choose to provide NRA with a copy of their gift are awarded Ambassador Membership in the Heritage Society and receive a special gift and invitations to members only events.

*\*NRA-ILA is a division of NRA, not a separate organization. However, you can list it as a beneficiary.*

*\*\* It is strongly urged that you consult with an attorney in your state of residence to ensure that your ultimate wishes and charitable goals will be realized.*