

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON DC

**SAMPLE LANGUAGE FOR TESTAMENTARY GIFTS TO
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY¹**

The provision in your will or revocable living trust providing for a legacy to The George Washington University should reflect your own unique circumstances and charitable objectives. We hope these specimen provisions – whether used individually or in combination – will be helpful to you and your attorney.

UNRESTRICTED GENERAL LEGACY: “I give to The George Washington University, of Washington, D.C., an amount equal to _____percent (_____%) of my adjusted gross estate as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes.”

GENERAL LEGACY TO THE AREA OF GREATEST NEED: “I give to The George Washington University, of Washington, D.C., an amount equal to _____ percent (_____%) of my adjusted gross estate as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes. This amount shall benefit the area(s) of greatest need and utility as determined by the President of the University at the time it is given.”

AMOUNT OF GIFT DEPENDENT ON SIZE OF THE ESTATE: “I give to The George Washington University, of Washington, D.C., and amount equal to _____ percent (_____%) of my adjusted gross estate as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, or _____ Dollars (\$_____), whichever is the larger.”

GIFT FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE²: “I give to The George Washington University, of Washington, D.C., an amount equal to _____ percent (_____%) of my adjusted gross estate as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes. This amount shall be for the benefit of the [School or program] and is to be administered under the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding on file with the University.”

GIFT OF RESIDUARY ESTATE: “I give the residue of the property owned by me at the time of my death, real and personal and wherever situate, to The George Washington University, of Washington, D.C.”

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¹ The tax identification number for The George Washington University is 53-0196584.

² Although it is possible to designate a specific purpose for a testamentary gift, the needs of the University do change from time to time. Thus, if a specific purpose is stated, it is preferable to authorize the Board of Trustees of the University to use the gift proceeds for other purposes if the designated use is no longer appropriate.