

Gifts in Your Will

BUILDING A STRONG FUTURE FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Many people tell us they would like to do more to ensure that future generations of educators can provide an outstanding education that prepares students from all backgrounds to succeed in college, career, and beyond. Leaving a gift to the NEA Foundation in your will or trust is one of the most popular ways to invest in the future of public education and make a lasting difference to the students of tomorrow.



How You Benefit

- ▶ Your gift costs you nothing now but allows you to have a significant and lasting impact.
- ▶ You retain control of your assets during your lifetime and, if your circumstances change, you can modify the gift.
- ▶ Your gift may provide tax savings or help reduce the tax burden for your heirs.
- ▶ You may choose to keep your gift anonymous.
- ▶ You can leave a gift in honor or memory of someone who inspired your commitment to education.
- ▶ You will make your mark and be remembered as someone who made our public schools better for students today and for future generations.

How It Works

Preparing or updating a will is a wonderful way to reflect the values that have guided your life. When deciding how you would like your assets distributed, you can take care of family and loved ones first, while also supporting the causes close to your heart. Many people are surprised by how easy it is to make a gift in their will.



Three Simple Steps

- ▶ **DECIDE** how you would like to be remembered. You can designate a specific dollar amount, a particular asset or a percentage of your estate for the NEA Foundation. You may also direct your gift to a specific area or program. If you wish to designate your gift, please contact us to ensure your wishes can be met.
- ▶ **SHARE** this sample language with your lawyer or advisor.

I give [__ percent of my estate or description of asset or ___ dollars] to the NEA Foundation for the Improvement of Education, 1201 Sixteenth Street, NW, Suite 416, Washington, DC 20036, TIN: 23-7035089 for its unrestricted charitable use and purpose.

- ▶ **PLEASE TELL** us about your gift! Some people leave a legacy gift to the NEA Foundation without telling us. But we would welcome the chance to say thank you. And, you can set an example and inspire others to make a gift to the NEA Foundation to help future generations of students and educators succeed. With a gift that costs you nothing now, you can forever be remembered as someone who believed in the power of public education.

We're Here to Help

We can help you decide on a gift that's right for you. To notify us of a legacy gift you have planned, or to discuss the best gift option for you, please contact Melissa Slaughter at **(202) 822-7840** or by email at mslaughtera@nea.org.



“The education profession has been good to me. There are lots of charities to support, but I wanted to make sure my money would be honored and used wisely. So I have left a gift in my will to the NEA Foundation. I’m putting my money in the hands of people I know value teachers and children.”

John Wilson
Special education teacher, advocate for public education