

Create a Legacy for the Future

Using Your Will to Give to the New York Society for Ethical Culture

The hero is one who kindles a great light in the world, who sets up blazing torches in the dark streets of life for men to see by. – Felix Adler



Be a torch bearer for the New York Society for Ethical Culture. Whether you are writing your first will or updating an existing one, we hope you'll choose to include a gift to the New York Society for Ethical Culture in your plans. Your generosity provides a lasting legacy to Ethical Culture ideals. A bequest to NYSEC will light the way for generations to come.

You don't have to be a millionaire to make a difference in the world. Charitable bequests are for everyone and anyone. They are both sensible and simple gifts. A bequest allows you to be generous *and* keep your financial options open. You can use your will to give a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or a specific item, such as real estate, a boat, artwork, the family silver, copyright or royalty income, or savings bonds. Bequests and other estate gifts come in all shapes and sizes and are as different as the people who create them.

Anyone can make a meaningful gift to NYSEC in their will. Regardless of the amount, your bequest is a statement of your ethical values. Your gift provides a continuing voice for social justice and caring community. When you demonstrate that you care enough about our Society to support its future, others will follow your generous example.

Types of Restricted or Unrestricted Bequests

Unrestricted Bequests are given for general purposes; NYSEC can put these gifts to use where they are most needed. *Restricted Bequests* are given for very specific purposes, such as the permanent endowment, building maintenance or a long-term project. You can decide where you wish to leave your gift or speak with us for additional guidance.

General Bequest

You give your entire estate to the New York Society for Ethical Culture.

Specific Bequest

You give a specific amount, percentage of your estate, a specific asset, or collection of assets (cash, securities, or other property). Savings bonds, tax-deferred retirement accounts, and other items known as "income with respect to a decedent" (IRD) are extremely tax effective ways to support charitable organizations.

Residuary Bequest

Your will can stipulate that charitable gifts be made using all or a percentage of what remains of your estate after all specific bequests have been satisfied and debts and expenses have been paid.

Contingent Bequest

You give all or a portion of your estate to NYSEC, in the event that other named beneficiaries predecease you or disclaim your bequest. This type of bequest can avoid costly litigation or prevent property from reverting to the state for lack of heirs.

Testamentary Charitable Remainder Trust

A trust document is created during your lifetime, with a "pour-over" will to designate which assets are to be placed in a trust with the income paid to specific individuals for their lifetimes. Upon the death of the last income recipient, or after a term of a specified number of years, the trust terminates and assets are transferred to NYSEC, completing your gift.



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Another Estate Planning Option

Beneficiary Designation

You can name the New York Society for Ethical Culture as a beneficiary of your existing account in a donor advised fund, a retirement plan, IRA account, or a life insurance policy.

Suggested Bequest Language

Whatever you wish to give, we want to make it easy. Sample bequest language is included below for you to share with your attorney to assist in drafting a will or codicil, or to designate NYSEC as a beneficiary of your revocable will, life insurance policy, retirement plan, and the like. If the suggested language does not suit your needs, consult with your attorney to craft the language you need to achieve your charitable estate goals.

General Bequest

I give all my real and personal property to the New York Society for Ethical Culture, a New York charitable corporation located at 2 West 64th Street, New York, New York, for its general purposes.

Specific Bequest

I give _____[\$ amount, description of property, or % of estate] to the New York Society for Ethical Culture, a New York charitable corporation located at 2 West 64th Street, New York, New York, for its general purposes.

Residuary Bequest

I give all [or _____%] of my remaining assets of any kind to the New York Society for Ethical Culture, a New York charitable corporation located at 2 West 64th Street, New York, New York, for its general purposes.

Restricted Bequest for Specific Purpose

I give _____[\$ amount, description of property, or % of estate] to the New York Society for Ethical Culture, a New York charitable corporation located at 2 West 64th Street, New York, New York, restricted to _____[describe or name the program or fund]. If at any time in the judgment of the NYSEC Board of Trustees it is deemed impossible or impracticable to carry out the above purpose, said Trustees shall determine a purpose as near as possible to that described above.



The Future of the New York Society for Ethical Culture is in your hands. *Ensure that NYSEC will grow and prosper, that we can continue to be a voice for compassion and social justice and that our Society will be here for years to come. Make your mark and provide an important lasting legacy.*

What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.

– Albert Pine

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