



Create a Lasting Legacy Bequest Language

A bequest—a gift through your will—is a meaningful way to support Stephens College's future. Simple to establish and incredibly impactful, your bequest reflects your enduring belief in the power of education.

Whether you choose to give a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or a particular asset, your generosity will create opportunities for generations to come. You can direct your bequest toward Stephens College's greatest needs, the College's endowment, or a purpose close to your heart—such as a scholarship or a tribute to a family member, professor, or classmate. Endowments created through bequests live forever, with only the earnings distributed annually to ensure long-term impact.

Types of Bequests

Specific Bequests

Leave a gift of a specific dollar amount, asset, or property, such as securities, real estate, or personal belongings.

Residuary Bequests

Give all or a portion of the remainder of your estate after expenses and specific gifts to other beneficiaries are distributed.

Sample Bequest Language

To make the process easier for you and your attorney, we provide suggested language for including Stephens College in your will. Please consult your legal counsel to customize these examples to your unique circumstances.

Unrestricted Bequest (Percentage of Estate)

"I give to Stephens College, a nonprofit organization located in Columbia, Missouri, _____ percent (%) of the remainder of my estate for its general charitable purposes."

Endowed Fund Bequest (Percentage of Estate)

"I give to Stephens College, a nonprofit organization located in Columbia, Missouri, _____ percent (%) of the remainder of my estate to establish the _____ Endowed Fund. My preferences for the use of this fund are _____. Contributions may be added to the fund at any time.

If changed circumstances at some future time make it impractical to continue administering the fund for the preferred purpose designated, the Stephens College Board of Trustees may designate an alternate purpose that adheres as closely as possible to my original intent."

Specific Bequest for Unrestricted Purposes

"I give to Stephens College, a nonprofit organization located in Columbia, Missouri, the sum of \$_____ (or _____ shares of _____ stock) (or specific asset) to be used for its general charitable purposes."

Specific Bequest for a Designated Purpose

"I give to Stephens College, a nonprofit organization located in Columbia, Missouri, the sum of \$_____ (or _____ shares of _____ stock) (or specific asset) to support _____ at Stephens College.

If changed circumstances should make it impractical to administer the gift for the designated purpose, the Stephens College Board of Trustees may designate an alternate purpose that adheres as closely as possible to my original intent."

Designating the Purpose of Your Bequest

Unrestricted Gifts: These gifts provide Stephens College with the greatest flexibility, ensuring funds are directed to the areas of highest need.

Restricted Gifts: You may designate your gift to support a specific purpose or program that reflects your personal interests. We encourage discussing your preferences with us to ensure we can fulfill your vision.

Ensuring Your Intentions Are Fulfilled

To help us honor your wishes, we encourage you to share a copy of the relevant section of your will with Stephens College and have a conversation with us about your intentions. This ensures that your legacy will have the maximum impact and aligns with the College's needs.

Questions?

We are here to help! Contact Shannon Walls, Vice President for Advancement, at **sbwalls@stephens.edu** or **(573) 876-7250**. We look forward to partnering with you to secure your legacy and celebrating the difference your gift will make. Thank you for your commitment to Stephens College!