

Sample Wording for Gifts by Will (Bequests)



Leaving a gift in your will is one of the simplest and most effective methods of creating a meaningful charitable legacy. It has no effect on your current income and can significantly reduce the 'end-of-life' taxes your estate may be required to pay. You may consider making a gift of a specific amount, transferring stocks or securities or leaving a percentage of your estate to Humber. The wording that should be incorporated in your will is determined by the specific gift you wish to leave. The following are some examples of appropriate wording:

General Bequest

"My estate trustees shall pay the sum of \$____ [or transfer assets with an equal value] to Humber College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning, Toronto, ON, for the purpose of supporting its highest priority needs as determined by the senior leadership of the college."



Residual Bequest

"My estate trustees shall pay ____ [all or a percentage] of the residue of my estate to Humber College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning, Toronto, ON, for the purpose of supporting its highest priority needs as determined by the senior leadership of the college."



Specific Bequest

"My estate trustees shall pay the sum of \$____ [or transfer assets with an equal value] to Humber College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning, Toronto, ON, for the purpose of supporting the _____ [scholarship, specific academic program or faculty]."



Contingent Bequest

"If [name(s) of primary beneficiaries] do(es) not survive me, or die(s) within (90) days of my death, or as a result of common disaster, then I give to Humber College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning, Toronto, ON [describe specific amount, property or percentage of residual estate] to be used as determined by the college [or a stated purpose]."

A Bequest of Property

“My estate trustees shall give to Humber College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning, Toronto, ON, [description of property*] to be used as determined by the college [or a stated purpose].”

*Please note that unless the property itself fulfills a priority need of the college, it may be sold with the proceeds used to support the college’s highest priorities and greatest needs.



Changes to Use of a Bequest

The college’s priorities and needs may change over time, and it may therefore become impossible or impractical to carry out a specified use of a bequest. We recommend that any bequest with specific conditions or restrictions also include appropriate wording authorizing Humber to make changes to the use of the bequest in keeping with the spirit and intent of the gift.

For example: “If circumstances make the specified use of my gift no longer practical or desirable, Humber College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning, Toronto, ON, is hereby authorized to make changes to the use that it deems most beneficial to the college while adhering as closely as possible to the spirit and general intent of my gift.”

Legal Name

The name you should include in your will to make a bequest is Humber College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning. Our charitable registration number is 107497273 RR 0001 for the purposes of raising funds and performing estate administration on behalf of Humber College.

Disclaimer: Please note the preceding information does not constitute legal or financial advice and should not be relied upon as a substitute for professional consultation. Humber College advises all donors to seek professional, legal, estate planning and financial advice to determine its suitability for your unique estate planning situation.

Contact Us

We welcome the opportunity to work with you, your family and your financial advisor to create a legacy gift tailored to your unique needs and wishes. If you have any questions or would like to speak to our gift planning staff, please contact:



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