



Bequests

A gift to Hillwood in your will or revocable trust is a convenient way to prepare for a secure future, provide for loved ones and make a meaningful investment in the legacy of Hillwood. If you already have a will, simply instruct your attorney to prepare a codicil to your current will or living trust.

Benefits

- Easy to arrange
- Will not alter your current lifestyle in any way
- Can be easily modified to address your changing needs

Here is sample language to use in your estate planning documents. Your advisor can provide the best wording to fit your circumstances.

Residual Gift Language

A residual bequest comes to us after your estate expenses and specific bequests are paid:

I give and devise to Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens (Tax ID #52-6080752), located at 4155 Linnean Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20008, all (or state a percentage) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).

Specific Gift Language

Naming Hillwood as a beneficiary of a specific amount from your estate is easy:

I give and devise to Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens (Tax ID #52-6080752), located at 4155 Linnean Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20008, the sum of \$_____ (or asset) to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).

Contingent Gift Language

Hillwood can be named as a contingent beneficiary in your will or personal trust if one or more of your specific bequests cannot be fulfilled:

If (insert name) is not living at the time of my demise, I give and devise to Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens (Tax ID #52-6080752), located at 4155 Linnean Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20008, the sum of \$ _____ (or all or a percentage of the residue of my estate) to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).



Regarding Use of Your Gift

Unrestricted gifts are the most useful, allowing Hillwood to allocate funds wherever the need is greatest.

Restricted gifts will support a specific purpose that reflects your personal interest. If the gift is restricted in any way, add clear language describing the restriction and include the following: "The Board of Trustees of Hillwood, in its sole discretion, may modify the purposes of this gift if those purposes become obsolete, impractical or inconsistent with the mission of Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens."

Providing Documents

To ensure that your charitable intent is carried out to the fullest extent possible, you are encouraged to provide the sections of documents that pertain to Hillwood. Your information will be kept confidential.

Please let us know if you have already included Hillwood in your estate plan or if you are considering doing so. We would love to ensure your wishes are carried out.

If you would like more information on including Hillwood in your estate plans, please contact us at 202.243.3948 or legacy@hillwoodmuseum.org

This information is not meant as tax or legal advice.