

Sample Bequest Language

Specific Bequest

To include WGBH in your will, please use this suggested language:

"I bequeath to WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, a Massachusetts charitable organization, headquartered at One Guest Street, Boston, MA 02135, the sum of [dollars or percentage of estate], to be used for its general purposes."

Residuary Bequest

To name WGBH as the beneficiary of part (or all) of the residue of an estate:

"I devise and bequeath to WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, a Massachusetts charitable organization, headquartered at One Guest Street, Boston, MA 02135 all [or specify a portion] of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, whether real, personal or mixed, however and whenever acquired and wherever located, to be used [specify how bequest is to be used]."

Contingent Bequest

To name WGBH as a contingent beneficiary, whereby you can make testamentary gifts to one or more individuals with the assurance that if any predecease the testator, that bequest will come to WGBH:

"If any of the above named beneficiaries should predecease me, I then devise and bequeath to WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, a Massachusetts charitable organization, headquartered at One Guest Street, Boston, MA 02135, all the property, real or personal, which said beneficiary or beneficiaries would have received had they survived me."

Purpose of Gift

While WGBH prefers the flexibility of funds used for its general purposes, it is possible to apply your designation to any area that you find compelling. Rather than restricting your bequest to support a specific program, we recommend designating a programming genre, such as children's, science, arts and humanities, music, history or public affairs.

If you would like to restrict the gift to a particular purpose, please contact the Office of Endowment and Planned Giving so that we can discuss appropriate language. In any case, we suggest you include the following sample language:

This designation represents a preferred-use for these funds and is not an absolute restriction. If, due to a change in circumstances, it is not practical to use this fund for this purpose, the WGBH Board of Trustees may designate such other use, which in their opinion, most closely fits my original intention.

If you have further questions, please call the Office of Endowment and Planned Giving at 617-300-3860.