Bequest Basics and Sample Language for Bequests

University Name and I.D. Number
The official name of Stanford University is THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LELAND
STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY.

Stanford University’s federal tax I.D. number is 94-1156365.

Sample Bequest Provisions

Unrestricted Expendable Bequest:
I hereby give ___________________* to THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LELAND
STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY, an educational institution, to support the objects and
purposes of the university.

Unrestricted Endowed Bequest:
I hereby give ______________* to THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LELAND
STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY (hereinafter, "the Board"), an educational institution. The
property comprising this gift may, for investment purposes, be merged with any of the
investment assets of Stanford University, but the gift shall be entered in the university's books
and records as an endowed fund known as THE _____________ FUND (the "Fund"). The Board
shall use the endowment payout from the Fund to support the objects and purposes of the
university.

Expendable Bequest for a Specific Purpose:
I hereby give ___________* to THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LELAND STANFORD
JUNIOR UNIVERSITY, an educational institution, to…
  • …provide books and other materials for the Stanford University Libraries.
  • …support the
    o Graduate School of Business.
    o Graduate School of Education.
    o School of Earth Sciences.
    o School of Engineering.
    o School of Humanities and Sciences.
    o Stanford Law School.
School of Medicine.
Department of Athletics, Physical Education, and Recreation.
_______________ (department, center, or institute).

• …support research in ________________ (name field of study) at Stanford University.
• …provide financial aid for undergraduate students.
• …provide financial aid for graduate students at the School of ________________.

Endowed Bequest for a Specific Purpose:
I hereby give ______________* to THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY (hereinafter, "the Board"), an educational institution. The property comprising this gift may, for investment purposes, be merged with any of the investment assets of Stanford University, but the gift shall be entered in the university's books and records as an endowed fund known as THE ______________ FUND (the "Fund"). The Board shall use the endowment payout from the Fund to...

• …provide books and other materials for the Stanford University Libraries.
• …support the
  o Graduate School of Business.
  o Graduate School of Education.
  o School of Earth Sciences.
  o School of Engineering.
  o School of Humanities and Sciences.
  o Stanford Law School.
  o School of Medicine.
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  o _______________ (department, center, or institute).
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To Prepare for the Unexpected:
Inclusion of the following language is optional, but suggested, in order to ensure that a bequest designated for a specific use will always remain productive if circumstances change unexpectedly:

If, in the judgment of the Board, changed circumstances should at some future time render the designated use of this gift no longer appropriate, then the Board shall use the gift to further the objects and purposes of Stanford University, giving consideration to my special interest as evidenced by the purposes described above.

* Fill in the blank with the dollar amount, percentage of estate, or specific property you intend to give to Stanford.