

## Sample Bequest Language

Thank you for considering leaving a legacy gift to the Denver Art Museum. The DAM welcomes gifts, bequests and other forms of planned giving to honor individuals and families in general support of the museum and its programs or to perpetuate their interest in a specific area of art.

Making a bequest to the DAM allows you to leave a legacy to an institution you care about and provides crucial funds for the museum. It may also enable you to leave a larger gift to support the museum's exhibitions and programs than you may have ever thought possible! Your assets remain under your control until death and you can direct your gift exactly as you want. You may also be eligible for an estate tax deduction, depending on the size of your estate, and there is no upper limit on the estate tax deduction for charitable bequests, like those to the DAM.

The following samples of language are *suggestions only* and should be adapted by your attorney or financial advisor.

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I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to the Denver Art Museum, a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable institution, Federal Tax ID number 84-6038240, located at 100 West 14th Avenue Parkway, Denver, Colorado, 80204, (State Bequest: the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ dollars, or X percent of my estate, or X percent of my residuary estate)...

**1. Unrestricted Use:**

...to be used by the trustees thereof in such manner as they deem most useful for the purposes of the Denver Art Museum.

**2. Restricted Use:**

...to be used (for example: for educational programs, art acquisition, art conservation, curatorial departments, etc.)

**3. The Museum's Endowment Fund:**

...for the endowment fund of the Museum. The annual income thereof to be used by the trustees in such manner as they may direct.

**4. Restricted Endowment Fund**

*Additional guidelines apply for establishing new restricted endowments, but we would be happy to talk with you about existing endowments you can support, using language such as this:*

...for the endowment fund of the Museum. The annual income thereof to be used for (state purpose of fund).



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**5. Contingent Beneficiary Provision:**

In case of the failure or lapse of any bequest herein such that the property so bequeathed would pass by intestacy, I direct that in lieu thereof such property shall pass to the Denver Art Museum Foundation, a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable institution, Federal Tax ID number 84-6038240, located at 100 West 14th Avenue Parkway, Denver, Colorado, 80204.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE**

In addition to including the Denver Art Museum in your will, there are other ways that you can include the DAM in a planned gift. If you are interested in creating an annuity or a trust, making of gift of life insurance, or giving stock or mutual funds to the DAM, please contact:

**Mary Beth Polce, Associate Director of Development, at 720-913-0035 or**  
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**Thank you for your generous support and loyalty to the Denver Art Museum!**