

Sample Language for Wills and Trusts

Having an updated will ensures that your wishes are carried out after you pass away. It is your opportunity to provide for your loved ones and support the missions and ministries that are important to you. This sample language can be used in most wills. Consult an attorney or financial advisor for additional advice.

General or Specific Outright Bequest

I give, devise, and bequeath to WMU Foundation (Employer Identification Number 63-1138772), a tax-exempt organization located at 100 Missionary Ridge, Birmingham, AL 35242, the sum of \$_____ (or real or personal property herein described), to be used for the general purposes of the WMU Foundation at the discretion of its Trustees* or specific purpose or function of WMU Foundation.

General or Specific Percentage

I give, devise, and bequeath to WMU Foundation (EIN 63-1138772), a tax-exempt organization located at 100 Missionary Ridge, Birmingham, AL 35242, %_____ of the rest and residue of my estate to be used for the general purposes of the WMU Foundation at the discretion of its Trustees* or specific purpose or function of WMU Foundation.

General or Specific Residuary

I give, devise, and bequeath to WMU Foundation (EIN 63-1138772), a tax-exempt organization located at 100 Missionary Ridge, Birmingham, AL 35242, the rest and residue of my estate to be used for the general purposes of the WMU Foundation at the discretion of its Trustees* or specific purpose or function of WMU Foundation.

General or Specific Residuary

In the event that {insert name or names of spouse, children, sibling, or heirs} shall not survive me, or shall die during the administration of my estate within _____ days from the date of my death, or as a result of a common disaster, then I give, devise, and bequeath those beneficiaries' shares of my estate to WMU Foundation (EIN 63-1138772), a tax-exempt organization located at 100 Missionary Ridge, Birmingham, AL 35242, the rest and residue of my estate to be used for the general purposes of the WMU Foundation at the discretion of its Trustees* or specific purpose or function of WMU Foundation.

*If Leaving Money for a Specific Purpose

Because of the uncertainty of the future, we suggest the following language when leaving a gift with a specific purpose:

It is my preference that the gift remains used for the specified purpose. However, I understand and agree that if, at some future time, it is no longer practical in the judgment of the Trustees of the WMU Foundation to use the gift for the purpose intended, the Trustees shall have the right to use the gift for whatever purpose they deem necessary and reasonable in accord with the intent described herein.

Examples of Specific Purposes or Functions of the WMU

WMU Ministries, Your State WMU, National WMU, International Ministries, Women's Leadership Development, Anti-Human Trafficking, Missionary Kids, Missions Education, Ethnic Leadership, Scholarships