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# Sample Bequest Language

By making a gift to the Arboretum in your will or living trust you are not only helping to ensure the future use and enjoyment of the Arboretum for generations to come, but will also support the ongoing research and conservation of trees across the community and globe.

A bequest is one of the simplest ways to make a planned gift to The Morton Arboretum. Your will may designate a dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, specific property, or the remainder of your estate. Your bequest may be contingent upon other events outlined in your will. Please consider the following language for your estate planning needs:

I, **[name]**, give to The Morton Arboretum, an Illinois not-for-profit trust in Lisle, IL, the sum of **[written dollar amount, or percentage of the estate, or description of property]** for its general support, as determined by its Board of Trustees or President and CEO.

For more specific bequest language please consider the following:

I, **[name]**, give to The Morton Arboretum, an Illinois not-for-profit trust in Lisle, IL, the sum of **[written dollar amount, or percentage of the estate, or description of property]** designated for **[the support of an Arboretum program]**. If it is ever impossible, impracticable, or inadvisable to use my gift in the manner set forth above, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees or the President and CEO of The Morton Arboretum, then my gift shall be used for alternative purposes that honors as closely as practical my original intentions.

*Please consult with your legal or tax advisor before making a charitable contribution.*