Sample bequest language

I give, devise and bequeath to the Seattle Aquarium Society, a Washington nonprofit corporation EIN 91-1189249, currently located at 1483 Alaskan Way, Pier 59 Seattle, WA 98101, or its successor:

1. The sum of ________ dollars;
2. ___ percent of my residuary estate;
3. The following assets (which may include appreciated stock, real estate or the remaining contents of bank accounts or donor-advised funds);

   to be used to support the work of the Aquarium as determined by the board of directors thereof.

This is not professional legal or tax advice. Please consult your legal and tax advisors regarding your specific situation. The Seattle Aquarium is a 501(c)3 organization, and contributions are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.

For more information about including the Seattle Aquarium in your will, please contact our philanthropy department at (206) 693-6110 or philanthropy@seattleaquarium.org.
Every day, hundreds of people walk through the doors of the Seattle Aquarium and experience the wonder and beauty of the ocean. By connecting people with our shared marine environment, the Aquarium ignites a passion for conservation across our community.

A planned gift to the Aquarium will leave a lasting legacy that benefits our marine environment for generations to come. It’s a permanent statement of your values, and a way to tell the world what you stood for.

Making a bequest is easy—and we can help find the option that best matches your goals and circumstances. Please contact our philanthropy department at (206) 693-6110 or philanthropy@seattleaquarium.org to start the conversation.

Common estate gift options

**Gift in your will:** Leave a specific amount, or percentage of your estate, to the Aquarium.

**Retirement plans:** Gifting funds to the Aquarium allows you to avoid substantial income taxes that would otherwise be due if left to a non-spousal heir.

**Insurance policies:** You can name the Aquarium as a beneficiary without changing your will.

**Checking/savings accounts:** Designating us as a beneficiary is an easy way to leave money to the Aquarium.

**Donor-advised funds:** You can have the balance donated to the Aquarium.

**Real estate:** We will work with you to facilitate a gift of residential or commercial property while guaranteeing you and your partner full lifetime rights to the property.

"The Aquarium has an amazing vision of its future and I want to help it come to life," says longtime Seattle Aquarium board member and supporter George Willoughby, adding, "Including the Aquarium in our will is an easy and powerful way to support what we care deeply about."

Certified as a diver in 1974, George has completed over 1,200 dives in waters all over the world. "I went to a fantastic diving spot in Indonesia 25 years ago—it was absolutely pristine," George says. Over the course of five visits to the same place, much changed. "There was debris floating everywhere...it was very distressing, and a vivid example of how bad things can get, and how quickly," he notes.

To advance his lifelong passion for local and worldwide waters, George and his wife Colleen have included the Seattle Aquarium in their will. George says, "The Aquarium is teaching all of us what we need to know to protect Puget Sound and the entire ocean, and how to share this message with others."