Together we will make Texas A&M better, brighter, greener, finer, richer in the arts, more promising for all, more innovative, more [you choose the goal].
A bequest could be the most influential gift you ever make.

Your gift does good forever because it permanently endows a fund. When you endow a fund using a charitable bequest through the Texas A&M Foundation, you are creating a permanent legacy that will never stop giving.*

“Define permanent,” you may ask? We preserve the principal of your bequest.

Endowments are subject to a spending plan, which is designed to increase charitable distributions each year while preserving the principal of the original gift.

*How permanent is permanent, measured in real time? Ben Franklin left a bequest in 1790, no strings attached, to benefit the people of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. His then-thousands are now worth millions, and his bequest does good today.

Michelle Keller ’93 has included a bequest in her will to make sure that future generations of Aggies enjoy study abroad like she did.
When thinking about the future and the distribution of your assets, you may feel torn between those causes you are passionate about and promises made or responsibilities felt for family and friends.

With a little research and some planning, you will be able to leave a legacy that inspires others for years to come.

And don’t forget your retirement accounts! Making the Foundation a beneficiary of an individual retirement account can be one of the easiest and most tax-advantaged gifts available.

The G. Willard ‘39 & Ginger Pool Large Animal Hospital Equine Teaching & Research Endowed Fund was created with a gift from their estates.
Our stewardship is the old-fashioned kind: picky. We aren’t just watching the numbers in your account. We are making sure that your gift is being used in the way that you intended. Your endowment is used only for the purpose that you designate and we adhere to that strictly.

We firmly honor your charitable intentions.

Conway B. Alford & Roy O. Kendall created the Kendall Endowment Fund for the Collection & Study in Lepidoptera through a gift in their wills.
Prepare to be pleasantly surprised.

That’s what is so wonderful about bequests.

No matter the size of your gift,* once it comes to the Foundation, we put it to work.

The Texas A&M Foundation manages your fund to produce both steady income and ample growth.

**Result?** Your bequest ends up doing more good every year.

*Minimum gift size for a named endowment: $25,000.
The circle on the left represents the relative size of a $100,000 bequest the day it arrives at the Foundation in 1980.

The circles on the right represent how much the original $100,000 grows in principal over 34 years, while at the same time making grants totaling $326,500 and netting out all fees.

Mary & Bert Loudon are supporting the future of OPAS with a retirement account beneficiary gift.

Check out this $100,000 charitable bequest example:

$100,000 → $300,000+

$300,000+$100,000
Give us a call at (800) 392-3310 or send us an email at giftplanning@txamfoundation.com and we can send you the information you need to include a charitable gift in your estate plans.

It takes as little as 15 minutes to change the world as you know it.

We will work with you, your attorney, and other advisors to design the best gift plan for your individual situation.

A gift from H. Wayne Springfield's estate is now supporting graduate students in ecosystem science.
Q. Is it difficult to make a charitable bequest?
A. Not at all. You can do it today, with a call to us at (800) 392-3310. We will give you the information you need to visit with your attorney.

Q. How big is a typical charitable bequest?
A. Individual bequests to the Texas A&M Foundation have ranged from $1,000 to tens of millions. Bequests are just like their givers, they are all different with different stories.

Q. What kind of assets can I leave?
A. There are several ways to make a charitable bequest. You may leave:

- A specific cash amount
- Financial investments, such as stocks, mutual funds, bonds, or certificates of deposits
- A percentage of your estate
- Make the Texas A&M Foundation beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan
- Real estate or mineral rights.

Q. How will the Foundation know where to use my gift?
A. A gift for Texas A&M should reflect your interests, your dreams and your legacy. The Foundation will work with you to create a gift agreement that designates the specific areas of Texas A&M that you want to benefit.

Q. How does Texas A&M Foundation recognize donors?
A. Heritage membership in the A&M Legacy Society honors individuals and families who have made planned gifts of any size to benefit Texas A&M. Heritage membership benefits include:

- Invitation to annual appreciation events
- Recognition in the Jon L. Hagler Center
- Acknowledgement in Foundation media.
Becky Gates has included a gift in her will that will one day provide needed funds to her namesake Becky Gates Children Center.

Scholarships and fellowships change lives and enrich the student body. They drive the spirit and guide the minds of generations of Aggies so they can affect the world in productive and inventive ways. When you fund a scholarship or fellowship, you’re making a profound difference for individual students and for the lives those students touch as graduates of Texas A&M University.

Some of the best high school students can’t afford today’s tuition, but scholarships open up a world of possibilities to them. They also free students from the necessity of part-time jobs, giving them more time to satisfy their intellectual curiosity or to participate in A&M’s character-building organizations.

Endowed scholarships ensure your legacy.

Endowed scholarships are crucial to the future of A&M because they provide benefits to students for generations. The Texas A&M Foundation invests endowed scholarship funds in a way that maximizes growth while safeguarding the principal. Then it distributes only the earnings on your investment.
The Texas A&M Foundation

Founded in 1953, the Texas A&M Foundation is a nonprofit organization that encourages major gifts and manages endowments for the benefit of Texas A&M University academics and leadership programs. Receiving gifts for Texas A&M through a separate nonprofit has multiple benefits: We can be flexible in our investments to increase our earnings; we ensure that funds are used for the purposes designated by the donor; and we respect donors’ privacy by keeping personal giving and financial records confidential. This partnership that the Foundation has forged with Texas A&M is perpetual and powerful.

As you think about creating your enduring legacy, we hope Texas A&M is one of the organizations you choose to support.

The best way to give depends on your situation and should be discussed with your attorney, accountant, or financial advisor. The Texas A&M Foundation Office of Gift Planning team is ready to work with you and your advisors, in confidence and without obligation, to help you explore and achieve your personal, financial, and philanthropic goals.
We are here to help!

If you’d like to know more about establishing an endowed fund with a charitable gift in your will, or other gift plan, please contact the Office of Gift Planning at the Texas A&M Foundation.

We can provide you with planning tools and information on all the ways that you can benefit yourself, your family and Texas A&M. With a little research and some planning, you will be able to leave a legacy that inspires others for years to come.