create our vision for an even better, brighter future for the next generation of Aggie leaders at Texas A&M at Galveston.
A bequest could be the most influential gift you ever make.

More future Sea Aggies will participate in life-changing experiences thanks to a bequest from Dr. Judy Kiester ’76 that provides support for the Texas A&M Galveston Sea Camp.

Your gift makes a difference forever because it permanently endows a fund.

When you endow a fund using a charitable bequest through the Texas A&M Foundation, you create a permanent legacy that will never stop giving. Endowments are subject to a spending plan, which is designed to increase charitable distributions each year while preserving the principal of the original gift.

The goal of this approach is to keep pace with inflation and ensure that gifts provide the same level of benefit in the future that they do today.
Tailor a gift to your unique needs and interests.

When thinking about the future and the distribution of your assets, you may feel torn between the causes you are passionate about and promises made or responsibilities felt for family and friends. With a little research and some planning, you can leave a legacy that inspires others for years to come.

Gifting your retirement accounts

Making the Texas A&M Foundation one of the beneficiaries of an individual retirement account is one of the easiest and most tax-advantageous gifts available.

Jere & Jack Smith ’64 created a gift in their estate plans that will provide funds to help with the upkeep of Galveston’s vessel training simulator, which offers a moving, virtual reality experience for aspiring ship officers.
We firmly honor your charitable intentions.

We aren’t just watching the financial distributions from 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.

How much you give is up to you. How big it grows is up to us.

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 Texas A&M Foundation, we put it to work. We manage your fund to produce both steady income and ample growth so that your bequest can benefit more people over time. Many individuals choose to support Aggie students by creating endowed scholarships or fellowships through a bequest. These gifts help future generations of Aggies affect the world in productive and inventive ways.

In 2011, Mrs. Patricia McCloy created the Dr. James M. and Patricia M. McCloy Scholarship fund in memory of her late husband. The purpose of this fund is to provide scholarships to full-time students at the Galveston campus. These scholarships make a profound difference for individual students and for the lives those students touch as graduates of Texas A&M at Galveston. The minimum gift size for a named endowment is $25,000.

Marine biology student Karthik Ramaswamy ’20 is one of many dedicated Sea Aggies who benefits from an endowed scholarship. “Thanks to the McCloy scholarship, I just received my first medical school acceptance!” he said. “I’m thankful that being a McCloy scholar has allowed me to grow into a more mature scientist, environmentalist, and now a future doctor.”
The growth of a charitable bequest

The graph below illustrates the power of an endowed fund created through a planned gift. Thirty-four years later, the endowment has a market value of $186,451 and provides scholarships to eight students. Since its creation, the total payout from this endowment amounts to more than $173,200.*

*Because the Foundation’s accounting system only dates to 1994, the endowed fund has likely paid out much more than this amount. The chart below reflects the gap between when the fund was established in 1984 and when the Foundation obtained accounting records in 1994.

Razan Ghabin ’20 is one of the hardworking Aggies who benefits from this endowment. “This scholarship has had a profound impact on my experience at Texas A&M,” said Ghabin. “It has strengthened my determination to help others and change the world through my field of study.”
Take the next step in planning your future.

We are here to help!

If you’d like to know more about establishing an endowed fund through a charitable gift in your will or other gift plan, give us a call at (800) 392-3310 or email us at giftplanning@txamfoundation.com.

We can send you the information you need to include a charitable gift in your estate plans. We will work with you, your attorney and other advisors to design the best gift plan for your individual situation and help you cater your gift to specific passions and interests.

A gift from the retirement account of Kenneth Teague ’79 will someday support students who study coastal ecosystem ecology, especially wetlands and seagrasses.
Frequently Asked Questions:

Is it difficult to make a charitable bequest?
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.

How big is a typical charitable bequest?
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.

What kind of assets can I leave?
There are several ways to make a charitable bequest. You may leave:
—A specific dollar amount
—Financial investments, such as stocks, mutual funds, bonds or certificates of deposits
—A percentage of your estate
—A life insurance policy or retirement plan, by naming the Foundation as one of your beneficiaries
—Real estate or mineral rights

How will the Foundation know where to use my gift?
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.

How does the Texas A&M Foundation recognize donors?
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 invitations to annual appreciation events and recognition in the Jon L. Hagler Center.

The Texas A&M Foundation
The Texas A&M Foundation is a nonprofit organization that builds a brighter future for Texas A&M University, one relationship at a time, by uniting generosity and vision to raise and manage endowed gifts. Foundation team members are passionate professionals dedicated to purposeful philanthropy.

The Foundation works with former students, corporations and other Texas A&M supporters to match their charitable interests with the university’s priorities. Gifts create scholarships, advance faculty endeavors, enhance student programs and fund new facilities. Gifts to the Texas A&M Foundation for the benefit of Texas A&M University are tax-deductible contributions to the extent allowed by law.

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Supporting Texas A&M University at Galveston through a gift of any kind will have a lasting impact and also contribute to the Lead by Example campaign. With a goal of reaching $4 billion by 2020, it is the largest higher education campaign in Texas history and the third largest conducted nationally by a public university. Funds raised through the campaign will support Aggie students, faculty, colleges and programs. Visit the campaign website at leadbyexample.tamu.edu to learn more.

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