TOGETHER
we will...
create our vision of an
even better, brighter future
for the next generation of
Aggie leaders.
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 that 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 to ensure that gifts provide the same level of benefit in the future that they do today.

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

A BEQUEST COULD BE THE MOST INFLUENTIAL GIFT YOU EVER MAKE.

More 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.
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.

And don’t forget your retirement accounts!

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

**TAILOR A GIFT TO YOUR UNIQUE NEEDS AND INTERESTS.**

Jere & Jack Smith ’64 created a gift in their estate plans that will help with the upkeep of Galveston’s vessel training simulator, which offers a moving, virtual reality experience for aspiring ship officers.
We aren’t just watching the financial distributions from your account; we ensure that your gift is being used in the way that you intended.

Our primary goal is to help you identify and support your Sea Aggie passions. For that reason, we strictly adhere to only using your endowment for the purpose that you designate.

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 and Patricia 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 was one of many dedicated Sea Aggies who benefited from an endowed scholarship. “Thanks to the McCloy scholarship, I received my first medical school acceptance!” he said. “I’m thankful that being a McCloy scholar allowed me to grow into a more mature scientist, environmentalist, and now a future doctor.”
The graph below illustrates the power of an endowed fund created through a planned gift. Thirty-six years later, the endowment has a market value of $186,048 and provides scholarships to 11 Aggie students. Since its creation, the total payout from this endowment amounts to more than $187,000*.

The growth of a charitable bequest:

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

Former electrical engineering student Razan Ghabin ’20 is one of the hardworking Aggies who benefited from this endowment. “This scholarship had a profound impact on my experience at Texas A&M,” Ghabin said. “It 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 979.845.8161 or email us at plannedgiving@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 979.845.8161. 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 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, retirement plan or donor advised fund, by naming the Foundation as beneficiary
- 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 honors individuals and families who have made a planned gift of any size to benefit Texas A&M. Benefits include invitations to annual appreciation events, exclusive news and publications, opportunities to stay connected to campus through special behind-the-scenes tours, and chances to network with other Aggies and friends.
The Texas A&M Foundation builds a brighter future for Texas A&M University, one relationship at a time.

As a nonprofit and the primary academic fundraising institution for Texas A&M, our vision is to be among the most trusted philanthropies in higher education. Our team partners with former students, corporations and other supporters to match their charitable passions with opportunities for purposeful philanthropy at Texas A&M. Gifts create scholarships, advance faculty endeavors, enhance student programs and fund campus construction, greatly enhancing Texas A&M’s mission to provide the highest quality undergraduate and graduate programs and develop new understandings through research and creativity.

For more information about creating a planned gift for the benefit of Texas A&M at Galveston, please contact:

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