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PLANNED GIVING

## Why prepare a will?

A carefully designed will is the core of any estate plan. A will ensures that, upon your death, the property you accumulate in the course of

your lifetime will be distributed according to your wishes. You, not the courts, select the person who will be responsible for making sure your wishes are carried out. By

completing a will, you ensure that your estate is settled quickly and efficiently, and that taxes and expenses will be minimized and paid in a timely fashion. ❖

## Sample bequest clauses

### Unrestricted Gift or Bequest

I give, devise and bequeath to Wilfrid Laurier University the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ for uses and purposes of the University as its President and/or Board of Governors may determine.

### Bequest of Residue

I give, devise and bequeath to Wilfrid Laurier University the residue (or share of residue) of my estate for the uses and purposes of the University as its President and/or Board of Governors may determine. (Alternatively, the residue may be directed to any specific purpose).

### Bequest for a Specific Purpose

I give, devise and bequeath to Wilfrid Laurier University the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., research, scholarships, a Faculty or School, etc).

### Bequest for a Named Endowment

I give, devise and bequeath to Wilfrid Laurier University the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ to be used to establish a named endowment fund, the annual investment income from which will be used for \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., research, scholarship, a Faculty or School, etc).

### Escape Clause

I authorize the Board of Governors of Wilfrid Laurier University to change the terms of this donation to fulfill the spirit and general intent of my wishes.

### Direction to Fulfill Pledge

I authorize my Trustees to pay within one (1) year of my death, those amounts which I may have promised to pay Wilfrid Laurier University or any part thereof left unpaid at my death of any amounts so promised or pledged, notwithstanding that any such promises or pledges so made or given may not be legally binding upon my estate.

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