

Contact Us

Please contact us if you have any questions about how to make a bequest to The St. Charles History Museum or to request any additional information that might be helpful to you and your attorney as you consider making a bequest to us.

If you have included a bequest for The St. Charles History Museum in your estate plan, please contact us to let us know. We would like to thank you and recognize you for your gift.

Mission Statement

The mission of the St. Charles History Museum is to inspire a curiosity about the past and its impact on the present by collecting, preserving, and unique presenting our unique local heritage.



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Leave A Lasting Legacy:
Bequest through your will, living
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A Lasting Legacy



An excellent way for you to support The St. Charles History Museum's mission is to leave us a bequest in your will, living trust, or with a codicil. One significant benefit of making a gift by bequest is that it allows you to continue to use the property you will leave to charity during your life. Another benefit is that you can leave a lasting legacy.

Types of Bequests

You can make a bequest to The St. Charles History Museum in several ways.

Specific Bequest. A specific bequest involves making a gift of a specific asset such as real estate, a car, other property, or a gift for a specific dollar amount. For example, you may wish to leave your home or \$10,000 to The St. Charles History Museum.

Percentage Bequest. Another specific bequest type involves leaving a specific percentage of your overall estate to charity. For example, you may wish to leave 10% of your estate to The St. Charles History Museum.

Residual Bequest. A residual bequest is made from the balance of an estate after the will or trust has given away each of the specific bequests. A common residual bequest involves leaving a percentage of the residue of the estate to charity. For example, you may wish to leave 30% of the residue of your estate to The St. Charles History Museum.

Contingent Bequest. A contingent bequest is made to charity only if the purpose of the primary bequest cannot be met. For example, you could leave specific property, such as a vacation home, to a relative, but the bequest language could provide that if the relative is not alive at the time of your death, the vacation home will go to The St. Charles History Museum.

Bequest Benefits

A bequest is generally a revocable gift, which means it can be changed or modified at any time. You can choose to designate that a bequest be used for a general or specific purpose so you have the peace of mind of knowing that your gift will be used as intended. Bequests are exempt from federal estate taxes.

Bequest Language

In order to make a bequest, you should speak with your attorney. Your attorney can help you include a bequest to The St. Charles History Museum in your estate plan. We have provided some basic bequest language to assist you and your attorney.

1. Specific Bequest

If you are considering making an outright bequest to The St. Charles History Museum, we recommend the following language:

Bequest of a Specific Dollar Amount, Percentage, property, or real estate

I give, devise, and bequeath _____ (describe dollar amount, percentage, property to be given, or proportion or your residuary estate) to St. Charles History Museum, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of Illinois with current headquarters located at 215 E. Main St., St. Charles, Illinois, Federal Tax ID #51-0168405, for its general charitable purposes.

2. Residual Bequest

I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to The St. Charles History Museum, a nonprofit organization located at 215 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174, Federal Tax ID #51-0168405, ALL OR A PERCENTAGE of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate to be used for The St. Charles History Museum's general use and purpose.

3. Contingent Bequest

If (primary beneficiary) does not survive me, then I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to The St. Charles History Museum, a nonprofit organization located at 215 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174, Federal Tax ID #51-0168405, DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY to be used for The St. Charles History Museum's general use and purpose.

Restricted Bequests

If you are considering a bequest but would like to ensure that your bequest will be used for a specific purpose, please let us know. We would be happy to work with you and your attorney to help you identify ways to give and meet your charitable objectives. We will also work with you and your attorney to craft language to accomplish your goals.

If you are making a restricted bequest, we recommend that your attorney include the following provision to give The St. Charles History Museum flexibility should it no longer be possible for The St. Charles History Museum to use your gift as you originally intended:

If, in the judgment of the Board of Directors of The St. Charles History Museum, it shall become impossible for The St. Charles History Museum to use this bequest to accomplish the specific purposes of this bequest, The St. Charles History Museum may use the income and principal of this gift for such purpose or purposes as the Board determines is most closely related to the restricted purpose of my bequest.

Contact Your Attorney

We recommend that you work closely with your attorney to insure that your wishes are accurately stated in your will according to the laws of the state where you live.