



SAMPLE BEQUEST WORDING

A specific gift amount

This is the wording to use when you are leaving a bequest of a specific cash amount. It is simple and straightforward:

Sample wording:

"I give \$_____ to the Saint-Lawrence Valley Natural History Society (operating as the Ecomuseum Zoo; BN 13158 1761 RR0001)."

A residuary gift

The "residue" of your estate is that which remains after the taxes, administrative and legal expenses are paid, and your heirs have received their specific gifts. The residue can be given in whole, or divided among beneficiaries.

Sample wording:

"I bequeath the residue of my estate (or XX% of the residue of my estate) to the Saint-Lawrence Valley Natural History Society (operating as the Ecomuseum Zoo; BN 13158 1761 RR0001)."

A contingent gift

This is a provision which allows you to determine the recipient of your estate in the event that none of your named beneficiaries are alive at the time of your death.

Sample wording:

"If none of the individuals I intend to benefit by this Will are alive or otherwise capable of benefiting, I leave the residue of my estate to the Saint-Lawrence Valley Natural History Society (operating as the Ecomuseum Zoo; BN 13158 1761 RR0001)."

Before drafting your will, we strongly recommend you speak to your family about your wishes.

The information contained within this document is informational in nature and must not be interpreted as legal or financial advice. We urge you to seek professional advice from your notary, lawyer, accountant or financial planner.

For more information, please contact:

Ms. Ligia Peña

Fundraising Officer

Tel.: 514-457-9449, ext. 106

ligia.pena@ecomuseum.ca