



RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL *of* DESIGN

OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL ENGAGEMENT

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How to make a bequest to RISD

A bequest is a gift created now, in your will or living trust, and given at the end of your life. Your gift may take the form of a percentage of your estate, a specific amount, or a particular asset. You may make a bequest to RISD by including language in your will or living trust leaving a portion of your estate to the College or the Museum or by designating RISD as a beneficiary of a retirement account or life insurance policy.

How bequests benefit RISD

If your bequest is unrestricted, RISD will apply your gift to the highest needs of the institution at the time that it is received. If you are interested in restricting your gift to a specific purpose at RISD, please contact Amanda Wright, Assistant Director of Donor Relations at awright@risd.edu or 401 454-6708 for assistance in documenting your intentions.

Benefits to you and your family

A bequest to RISD may be deductible from your taxable estate and thus may help you to reduce or avoid estate taxes.

Sample bequest language

“I give [all of the residue of my estate or an amount equal to X percent of the residue of my estate/thereof or \$_____] to the Rhode Island School of Design, a Rhode Island nonprofit educational institution, for its general educational and charitable purposes.”

The Jesse + Helen Rowe Metcalf Society

By sharing your bequest intentions with RISD, you will be enrolled in the Jesse + Helen Rowe Metcalf Society. The Society, named in memory of these two people who were pivotal to the founding of RISD, is an association of supporters who have demonstrated their generosity and commitment to RISD by incorporating the College or the Museum into their estate plans.

For more information

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