

Oseredok Planned Giving FAQs

Can I leave a gift to a specific designation?

We encourage you to first consider an unrestricted donation, which gives us the flexibility to utilize funds in the areas of greatest need – and greatest promise. However, if you do decide to designate your gift to a specific area, let us know so we can help with the wording and ensure that your gift goes where you want it to.

What's your contact information?

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How do I include a gift in my will?

1. Speak to your lawyer about drafting or revising your will by adding a codicil, an essential step to protect your family's future and to ensure that your assets are distributed according to your wishes.
2. Add the appropriate bequest wording in your will, which our team can help tailor to your specific area of interest. (For sample wording, see "How should I word my bequest?" below).
3. Let us know about your bequest so we can show our appreciation and ensure your intentions are properly understood and honoured (See "What's your contact information?" above)

How does a gift in my will help Oseredok?

Oseredok prides itself on its uniqueness, which lies in pulling under one roof diverse but inter-related collections that reflect a wide range of cultural history and heritage.

Oseredok is a vital source of information on Ukrainian culture, encompassing such fields of interest as history, art, music, literature, and ethnography. It is a place where the tradition inherent in the Ukrainian consciousness is preserved and transmitted to future generations.

It is through the contributions of donors like you that we are able to continue the work that we are doing to preserve, celebrate, and explore Ukrainian culture and customs.

How should I word my bequest?

Specific wording depends on the type of gift and its designation, but here are some examples:

Residual Bequest

"My estate trustees shall pay _____ (all or %) of the residue of my estate to **Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre**, Winnipeg, Manitoba, for the purpose of supporting its highest priority needs.

Legacy Bequest

“My estate trustees shall pay the sum of \$_____ (or transfer assets with an equal value) to **Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre**, Winnipeg, Manitoba, for the purpose of supporting its highest priority needs.”

If you would like your gift to be designated for a specific purpose (e.g. capital campaign), contact us so we can help with the wording to ensure that your gift goes where you want it to.

What are the different kinds of gifts I can put in my will?

There are many ways to include a charity in your will, but these are the two most common:

1. Residual Bequest:

Commonly designated as all or a percentage of the estate's residue, a residual bequest is made from the balance of an estate after all debts, bills, and taxes have been paid and all specific and general gifts have been distributed.

2. Legacy Bequest (also known as specific bequest):

A legacy bequest is a gift of a specific dollar amount or asset, such as a house, car, stocks, or securities.

What other future gifts should I consider?

Other than a gift in your will, you can help Oseredok by:

- Designating Oseredok as the beneficiary and/or owner of a new or existing life insurance policy
- Naming Oseredok as the beneficiary of your pension plan, RRSP, RRIF, or TFSA
- Setting up a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust
- Making a gift of property, such as real estate, jewelry, or art

Is there a minimum amount needed to put Oseredok in my will?

No. Gifts come in all shapes and sizes, and we are grateful for every dollar. Even 1% of your estate can make a huge difference for our organization.

Will I receive a tax receipt for my donation?

Yes. You will receive a tax receipt for one-time donations of \$20 or more. Tax receipts for monthly donations are mailed in February.

Should I let Oseredok know that I have left a gift in my will?

Yes. Not only would we like to thank you, but we want to ensure that your gift is properly recognized, and your intentions are understood and honoured. We can also provide the right wording, particularly if you are designating your gift to a specific area.

We understand that creating a gift in your will is one of the most personally significant gifts you can make and we will respect your wishes with regards to how much recognition or anonymity you would like. Letting us know of your future gift is not legally binding in any way, but it does help Oseredok plan for the future when we know we have community support into the future to continue investing in the preservation of Ukrainian-Canadian culture.