

## Why Make a Legacy Gift?

Your planned gift can have an extraordinary effect on New England Conservatory and make an impact that lasts for generations. A gift through your estate plan will allow our students and faculty to transform the world through music. The unique chemistry of an NEC education, which is grounded in joyful, supported, respectful, collaborative relationships, cannot happen without resources, such as those provided through planned gifts.

## Join the Tourjée Society

When you share your bequest intention or other type of planned gift with NEC, you will become a member of the Tourjée Society. Named after NEC's Founder Eben Tourjée, the Society recognizes those who have made a planned gift to support NEC.

Tourjée Society members receive an annual report on the impact of gifts to NEC, along with updates and periodic invitations to events. To share your planned gift, please contact the NEC Office of Planned Giving at 617-585-1356.

New England Conservatory is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Our non-profit tax ID is 23-7225104.



For more information on creating your legacy,  
please contact:

*NEC Office of Planned Giving*

617-585-1356


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# Create Your Legacy





*There are several easy ways to make an impactful gift that not only advances the NEC community, but also benefits you, your estate, and your heirs.*

## Bequest Through Your Will

A bequest is a gift provision in your will or revocable living trust. All assets, including cash, securities, real estate, and tangible personal property, may be transferred to New England Conservatory at the end of your life.

Making a bequest is perhaps the easiest and most flexible way to support NEC. You maintain complete control of your assets during your lifetime, and you also determine how you will impact the NEC community. It also can enable you to achieve your financial goals and may save on capital gains taxes and estate taxes.

**Consider adding the following suggested language to your will:**

*“I give, devise and bequeath to New England Conservatory, a nonprofit institution of higher education located in Boston, Massachusetts, [either “the specific amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_” OR “\_\_ % of my residual estate,”] for use in the area of greatest need as determined by the NEC Board of Trustees.”*

## Bequest Alternatives

In addition to adding bequest language to your will, you may wish to consider using the following assets for your Legacy Gift:

- Life insurance policy
- IRA, 401(k), or other retirement plans
- Bank accounts or investment accounts
- Donor Advised Fund

For any of these assets, you may include NEC as a full or partial beneficiary; **simply request a change of beneficiary form from the company holding the assets.**

## Tax-free Gift From Your Retirement Account

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can distribute a certain amount per year from your IRA as a charitable gift. Tell your IRA administrator to transfer your gift directly to NEC from your retirement account. While you will not receive an income tax charitable deduction for this distribution, it does impact your taxes as the funds will not be taxed as income to you.

