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Remembering
St Andrews in your will



Message from the Chancellor

For six centuries legacies have made a considerable contribution to the life of the University of St Andrews and the support of earlier generations has created an enduring foundation for the success of students of the future.

A legacy bequest is one of the most personal gifts that you can make to St Andrews. Some of our donors are specific about their intent, creating a named bursary or directing their gift towards research; others are happy for their donation to support the University's priorities at the time.



The Chancellor's Circle is the University's way of recognising the remarkable group of generous people who have told us of their desire to remember St Andrews with a gift in their will.

For those of you who are contemplating the decision to leave a gift to St Andrews I hope you will feel inspired to help reinforce our position as one of the leading universities in the world by joining our Chancellor's Circle.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Gavin Campbell'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

The Rt Hon Lord Campbell of Pittenweem CH CBE QC
President, The Chancellor's Circle





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Foundations for the future

Your legacy gift gives you the chance to:

- train the brightest minds of tomorrow
- remove financial barriers for the most talented students
- provide essential facilities to drive world-leading teaching and research
- inspire a student to discover new interests
- conserve our outstanding historic collections for future generations
- leave a lasting impression on your University

If you would like to discuss how your bequest could reflect your wishes, please contact:

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How to leave a legacy

The University is a recognised charity. Any legacies left to us are exempt from tax and may help to reduce the overall inheritance tax due on your estate.

A gift in your will can reflect your personal interests, or you may wish to leave an unrestricted gift which will be used where need is greatest. We would be happy to work with you to help you find something appropriate.

Leaving a legacy is straightforward, and if you are thinking of leaving a gift to us we suggest you speak to your solicitor. If you have an existing will, it can be amended simply by your solicitor through the use of a codicil. At the back of this booklet you will find a pledge form to let us know your intentions. Please be assured that they will be kept confidential. Once you let us know your wishes, we will be happy to welcome you as a member of the Chancellor's Circle.



Types of gift

There are four types of gift you may leave in your will.

Pecuniary gift

An exact sum of money specified in your will.

Residuary gift

A percentage of your estate after all expenses and other gifts have been settled.

Specific gift

A particular asset, such as property, shares or books.

Reversionary gift

A gift of property or assets that is passed to a named individual for enjoyment in their lifetime. On their death, the whole or a portion of these assets revert to the beneficiary of the reversionary legacy.

Pensions

You may also choose to make the University a beneficiary of your pension. All pension schemes are different, so if you would like to know more about nominating the University under the terms of your personal pension, including SIPPs, you should contact your scheme administrator or an independent adviser. Please also get in touch with our Legacies Officer for more information and to discuss your intentions.

Wording for a legacy

The correct wording for a legacy is:

“I give to the University Court of the University of St Andrews (Scottish Charity Number SC013532), Fife, Scotland the sum of [in words, preferably index linked] OR a [in words] percentage share of the residue of my estate OR my [detail your specific item or items] to be used for the general purposes of the University OR to be used for [detail the specific purposes you wish] and I declare that the receipt of the Quaestor or other officer authorised by the Principal of the said university shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors and Trustees.”

Chancellor's Circle

We established the Chancellor's Circle five years ago in November 2011 to recognise and thank those generous alumni and friends who have chosen to remember the University of St Andrews in their will during their lifetime.



Since the Chancellor launched the Circle, membership has grown every year. We now hold two annual events (one in Scotland and one in the south) to celebrate the remarkable group of people who have pledged a gift to secure the financial future of the University of St Andrews and to help us consolidate our status as a world-class centre for teaching, learning and research.

All members of the Chancellor's Circle receive regular donor communications and an invitation to these annual events.



Giving back

“Students today don’t have the advantages I had,” says Sally Stow. “I had a full grant, I lived in Hall, I got three square meals a day, my travel home was paid and I even got funding to go on archaeological digs in the summer vacation.”

Sally graduated with an MA in Classics in 1974 and went on to become an archaeologist. She spent four happy years at St Andrews, working hard and playing hard. She particularly recalls “the friendly atmosphere, the exceptional teachers, the sense of how lucky we were.” She has pledged a sum of money for the School of Classics in her will “because it’s so much harder for students today... I’d simply like someone else to benefit in the same way that I did.”

When Dr Lawrence Wodehouse died in 2002, just 22 years after receiving a PhD in Arts, he left everything to St Andrews, including shares, a house, a pension and royalties from his books.

His bequest established the Lawrence M Wodehouse Scholarship, for a student in financial need, allowing them to buy vital course books and to help with the costs of accommodation.

Cameron is an undergraduate studying French and Russian. He acknowledges the impact that Dr Wodehouse’s generosity has had on his experience at University.

“ I’m from near Preston in the north-west of England and this scholarship is a great source of reassurance and support for me. I feel as if my path in life and the people I meet and the things I do are heavily influenced by my ultimate passion, which is languages. I have only had the opportunity to study them at university thanks to your kindness.



Cameron (pictured on right), with friends

The late Mrs Dorothy B Miller, née Menzies, MA 1957, left a percentage of her estate to the School of Medicine and the School of History. Part of Mrs Miller's bequest is helping to fund travel awards for medical undergraduates, enabling them to journey to Malawi and learn indispensable skills as part of St Andrews' ongoing collaboration with the College of Medicine at the University of Malawi.

Jemima, an undergraduate studying medicine, describes the experience she had in 2015:

“ The purpose of this travel was to experience first hand some of the global health issues we have learned about in lectures and to gain a better knowledge of global health, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa. I had a vague idea what to expect, but nothing could prepare me for the culture shock that I had on arrival, and more so on return to the United Kingdom. I am so thankful for the funding that I received. I have experienced something that many people will never have the chance to and, in doing so, I will hopefully one day be able to give something back to the beautiful country of Malawi.







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I wish to help St Andrews continue its tradition of excellence

Returning this Legacy Pledge form to us does not commit you in any way. It helps us to know your intentions and provides us with the opportunity to show our gratitude for your support during your lifetime.

Name:

Address:

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Postcode: Telephone:

Email:

Please tick as applicable:

- ☐ I have already included a gift to the University in my will
- ☐ I am considering adding a gift to the University in my will

The following information helps us plan for the future and ensure that your wishes can be fulfilled. If you would rather discuss your intention with us please leave this section blank.

I am planning to leave the University:

- ☐ the residue of my estate (or a portion thereof)
- ☐ a specific sum of money
- ☐ a specific asset (please specify)

An estimate of the current value of my proposed legacy is:

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Please tick if you wish your legacy to remain anonymous: ☐

I wish my legacy to support:

- ☐ Whatever is of priority to the University at the time of my death
- ☐ A specific project – please indicate below:

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Getting in touch

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