

Gifts of Life Insurance and Retirement Accounts

A simple way to make a gift is to name the Foundation as the beneficiary under one or more of your life insurance policies. This can easily be accomplished just by calling your insurance company or your agent and asking for a change of beneficiary form.

You also can very easily name the Foundation as a beneficiary under one or more of your retirement accounts. These include pension accounts, profit sharing accounts and IRA accounts. Using these accounts to make gifts has an additional benefit. You have never paid income taxes on these accounts. If you leave these accounts to an individual other than your spouse, income taxes will have to be paid when the account is transferred to your beneficiary. The Foundation is exempt from paying federal income taxes so that if the account is transferred to the Foundation, the full amount of the account, unreduced by income taxes, will be available for the Foundation's use.

Transfers of insurance or retirement account benefits can often be made more quickly than gifts under wills since no probate proceedings will be involved.

Gifts of Certificates of Deposit, Savings Accounts, Checking Accounts, Securities

In many states, such as Wisconsin, you may also benefit the Foundation without having a probate provision by simply naming the Foundation as a payment-on-death designee for certificates of deposit, a savings account, a checking account or securities. You may wish to consult an advisor on your state's regulations for this method of bypassing probate.

FREEDOM DEPENDS ON FREETHINKERS

In writing or modifying a will, or making other financial directives, we urge that you consult a competent attorney familiar with your state's estate law. The Foundation will attempt to answer any general questions you may have, and your inquiries will be kept in confidence.

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INFORMATION ABOUT BEQUESTS, MEMORIAL GIFTS & ESTATE PLANNING



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Madison, Wisconsin

Leaving a freethought legacy in your name will significantly help carry forward the vital work of the Foundation for generations to come.

Gods exist in people's minds.

It seems like such a simple concept. When there have been thousands of gods and dozens of “holy” books, all different but all claiming the only inspired truth, it should become apparent that gods are but creations of human minds.

Yet superstition is very durable. Through fear and ignorance, belief in deities continues to flourish. It has reached the point where it takes courage to dissent from popular belief in the supernatural. In our country religious viewpoints have gone unchallenged publicly for decades, and we are reaping the harvest of generations indoctrinated from infancy to believe in error.

The Freedom From Religion Foundation was formed to educate the public concerning nontheistic belief and to establish an ongoing and authoritative voice for state/church separation. The Foundation exists, as well, to provide an umbrella and an association for freethinkers of whatever pedigree.

Litigation forms an important part of the Foundation's work when persuasion does not convince a government entity to stop an abuse of the state/church separation principle. The Foundation has taken and won many challenges, and keeps cases in the courts at all times. When a court finds the government at fault, most of the Foundation's attorneys' fees and court costs are returned to it, enabling it to undertake new lawsuits.

Throughout its history the Freedom From Religion Foundation has been a carefully managed organization with an excellent credit rating, reflecting prudent, frugal values.

Salaries have been modest, as befits a non-profit group, and competent volunteer help is utilized to assist our growing staff. Projects and activities are weighed carefully, both for cost and educational value. Our 990 forms to the IRS and exemplary ratings by Charity Navigator document that most contributions to FFRF are spent on programs, not fundraising. The building housing the national office in Madison, Wisconsin, was a cash purchase in 1990, as was the impressive 2015 addition—made possible by the generosity of members.

Today the Foundation is the largest association of U.S. freethinkers and has carved out a significant niche in Establishment Clause law. Your contributions and bequests are received with gratitude, and will go to work for freethought and the First Amendment.

Anne Nicol Gaylor

Principal Founder

Dan Barker and Annie Laurie Gaylor

Co-Presidents

The following information on bequests and memorial gifts is provided for friends and members of the Foundation, their attorneys and financial advisors.

Correct Legal Name

Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc.

Organization

The Freedom From Religion Foundation is a national membership organization with State Representatives selected by members and a governing Executive Board selected by the representatives. The Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. Non-profit status under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3), was recognized originally in 1978, with a final tax-exempt determination in 1980. Contributions are deductible under Section 170 of the

Internal Revenue Code for federal income tax purposes. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers and gifts to or for the use of the Freedom From Religion Foundation are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes under the provisions of Sections 2055, 2106 and 2522 of the Code. The Foundation, a membership group open to the public, has been classified as an organization which is not a private foundation.

The Foundation is funded by membership dues and specific gifts. It holds an annual convention and business meeting, publishes a monthly newspaper and broadcasts a weekly radio show. Annual financial statements are available to members. The Foundation has a legal team, engages in publishing books and pamphlets, in producing films and music, in awarding scholarships and in conducting court challenges of state/church separation abuses.

Bequests and Gifts

The Foundation seeks to encourage bequests and gifts for strengthening its educational and legal activities. The Foundation accepts bequests for general or restricted use.

Sample Wording for Bequests

Suggested wording for an unrestricted bequest is: “I give to the Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin, _____ to be used for the Foundation's general purposes and programs.”

Or, benefactors may specify that their bequests be used for the Foundation's Legal Fund, Foundation Scholarships and Awards, Foundation publications, Student Internship Fund, the Foundation's Endowment Fund or for projects of special interest and concern to the donor. Scholarships and Awards may be named for a donor, if desired.