Sample Bequest Language

Individuals are encouraged to include charitable causes, including charitable and endowment funds, in their will or estate plan. Below are some examples of language that may be used in the body of a will or estate plan. This sample language is not intended as legal advice. We recommend that you consult your own advisor about your specific situation.

**General Bequest**
I give $_______ to North Dakota Dental Foundation, a not-for-profit organization incorporated in the State of North Dakota and having its principal office in Fargo, North Dakota, for its general tax-exempt purposes. I request that these funds be used to support the _________ [Fund][Foundation].

**Specific Devise or Bequest**
I give all interests that I own at my death in (describe the specific property) to North Dakota Dental Foundation, a not-for-profit organization incorporated in the State of North Dakota and having its principal office at 4141 28th Avenue South, Fargo, North Dakota 58104-8468 for its general tax-exempt purposes. I request that these funds be used to support the _________ [Fund][Foundation].

**Residuary Gift**
I give the residue of my estate (consisting of all property owned by me at my death or acquired by my estate and not effectively disposed of by the other provisions of this will) to North Dakota Dental Foundation, a not-for-profit organization incorporated in the State of North Dakota and having its principal office at 4141 28th Avenue South, Fargo, North Dakota 58104-8468, for its general tax-exempt purposes. I request that these funds be used to support the _________ [Fund][Foundation].

**Endowment**
I give all interests that I own at my death in [describe the specific property] [_______] to North Dakota Dental Foundation, a not-for-profit organization incorporated in the State of North Dakota and having its principal office at 4141 28th Avenue South, Fargo, North Dakota 58104-8468, to establish an endowment fund (to be known as the _________ [Fund][Foundation]), the principal of which shall be invested and the annual income from which shall be used for the purposes of _______________.

**Addition to Endowment Fund**
I give to North Dakota Dental Foundation, a not-for-profit organization incorporated in the State of North Dakota and having its principal office at 4141 28th Avenue South, Fargo, North Dakota 58104-8468, $_______ [or otherwise describe the gift]. I request that these funds be used to support the _________ [Fund][Foundation]. Please note that where the gift takes this form, only the income may be used.

**Codicil**
I, ______________, a resident of _________ County, [State], declare this to be the [First] Codicil to my Will dated _______________. I now amend my Will by inserting a new Paragraph ___, which shall read as follows: [insert gift clause in same form as if it had been included in the Will]. *** Except as expressly cancelled, revoked, added to or otherwise amended by this codicil, I now ratify, republish and redeclare my Will dated ______