



# Gifts in Wills and Other Estate Plans

We share a common goal to harness the power and commitment of young people. Through hands-on service projects at national parks, state forests, marine sanctuaries, and community green spaces, we are building the next generation of change-makers, wilderness protectors and conservation leaders.

These young leaders are remarkable. They have vision and determination. They don't just hope for a better future, they want to act.

The future is in their hands and it's our responsibility to offer them the opportunity to make a difference — as SCA has done for more than 65 years.

And what a difference they make!

In the past year, despite the ever-increasing threats to our environment, our members restored threatened habitats, aided endangered species, fortified wetland buffer zones and planted trees in local communities. They ensured safe and equitable access to the outdoors and found within themselves the seeds of a lifetime commitment to conservation and the environment.



“And I dream of the vast deserts, the forests, and all of the wilderness of our continent, wild places that we should protect as a precious heritage for our children and for our children's children. We must never forget that it is our duty to protect this environment.”

— Nelson Mandela

# Simple Ways to Support a Sustainable Future:

- Include a gift in your will or living trust.
- Name the SCA as a beneficiary of your retirement account, life insurance or other financial account.
- Include the SCA in your succession plan for your donor-advised fund.

## A Gift in Your Will or Living Trust

There are several ways to include a gift to the SCA in your will or living trust. Some options:

- You can leave a defined sum of money.
- You can leave a percentage of funds left over after other gifts and debts are paid and your loved ones are provided for.
- You can leave some percentage of your estate.
- You can make a secondary or contingent gift that comes to SCA only if your other beneficiaries do not survive you or other specific gifts cannot be fulfilled.

If you would like to direct your gift to a particular project or for a particular purpose, we can assist you and your attorney in drafting language that ensures your gift will be used as you intend.

## Gifts by Beneficiary Designation

You can name the SCA as a beneficiary of some percentage or all of your:

- Retirement accounts
- Life insurance plan
- Bank and brokerage accounts

You can make a meaningful difference for the SCA by simply completing a beneficiary form — there's no need to update your will.

To make a gift through a beneficiary designation, contact your retirement plan administrator, insurance company, bank, or financial institution for a change-of-beneficiary form. You may be able to request or download the form from your online account portal.

You can name the SCA as the sole beneficiary or allocate some percentage to us. You can also name the SCA as a second-in-line or contingent beneficiary.

## Donor-Advised Fund Succession Planning

If you have a donor-advised fund, you can designate the SCA to receive all or some of the funds remaining at the end of your life as part of your fund succession plan, or direct that funds be granted over several years. We encourage you and your financial advisors to reach out to learn more about how to make a significant investment in conservation now and in the future.

## A family legacy spans SCA's history and continues today

The Bobowicks have had what they fondly call “a family affair” with the Student Conservation Association almost from the beginning.

In 1958, Morton Bobowick was 15 years old when he responded to an ad in National Geographic and landed a spot on the SCA's second crew improving trails and restoring Hume's Ranch in Olympic National Park. His daughters followed in his footsteps: Marla in 1982 and Michelle in 1985. Not to be outdone, in 1992, their mother, Susan, signed up with Morton for an adult crew at Yellowstone National Park.

That same year, their cousin Rick Barga volunteered with the SCA at Olympic National Park, an experience he says changed his life. Then in 2014, another cousin, Julian Liber, volunteered at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park.

Morton Bobowick's legacy continues to be an inspiration to new generations of their family and new SCA members carrying on the Bobowick Family's conservation values.



## Make inspiring future conservation leaders your legacy

At a time when their service is needed more urgently than ever, an average of more than 2,000 young people a year across 300 sites are restoring threatened habitats, aiding endangered species, planting trees in local communities and ensuring safe and equitable access to the outdoors.

**Gifts to the SCA in wills or living trusts, or by beneficiary designations, provide critical, dependable funding as we work to create a sustainable future for all.**



We have more than 100,000 SCA alumni and there is always more interest in service from young people than we have the funds to place. That's why your support is so important: Because when they get that chance, these committed young leaders embrace their SCA experience and magnify it throughout their communities and their lives.

Your legacy can empower new generations of young leaders who will work to preserve our natural and cultural heritage and fight for a sustainable, livable world for everyone.

## Important Information

When including a gift in your will or other plan, be sure to include our legal designation:

**The Student Conservation Association**  
**Tax Identification Number: 91-0880684**  
**1310 North Courthouse Road, Suite 110**  
**Arlington, VA 22201**

And please let us know! We know that your needs and plans may change in the future – a benefit of gifts in wills and other legacy gifts is your ability to update your plans and change your mind at any time.

We will never pressure you to provide details you are not comfortable sharing, and we will always respect your privacy. But we would like to thank you for your generosity. Knowing that our supporters are pledging gifts for the future allows us the confidence to invest in more young people today.

## The Liz Putnam Legacy Society

Liz Putnam founded the Student Conservation Association in 1957, launching a movement that has inspired generations of young people to serve the planet.

She envisioned a way to enlist student volunteers to plan, act, and lead while they protect and restore natural and cultural resources.

In addition to the host of honors she has received over her lifetime, Liz was presented with the Presidential Citizens Medal by President Barack Obama in 2010 for performing exemplary deeds of service for her country and fellow citizens.

When you include a gift in your will or other estate plan, the Student Conservation Association will honor your conservation legacy by welcoming you to The Liz Putnam Legacy Society. The Society serves to recognize and thank those who have taken the special step of providing for the future of the SCA's youth conservation service work through a planned gift.

The Liz Putnam Legacy Society members will be recognized on our website and in our annual report.

## At Your Service

To explore your giving options, let us know you've completed a gift, or to learn more about specific programs and projects, please contact us at **donorrelations@thesca.org** or call **888-722-9675** to learn more.

# Frequently Asked Questions and Considerations

- **Do I need a will?**

Yes! Every adult needs a will (or living trust, or both!) and should review it every five years or so to ensure that it's up to date. A will and/or living trust accomplishes some important tasks, including allocating your assets, reflecting your most important relationships, designating guardians for children and caregivers for beloved companion animals, and even giving gifts to charity.

- **I have a will and/or trust, but I'm not able to update it now. How can I include a gift to the SCA?**

Naming us a beneficiary of your retirement plan, financial account or donor-advised fund is as simple as updating your beneficiary designation form and doesn't require an attorney.

- **I have family or loved ones that I need to take care of. How can I do that and still make a gift to the SCA?**

You can make us a beneficiary of a small percentage of your estate or account, or name us a secondary or contingent beneficiary so we only receive a gift if your primary beneficiary doesn't survive you.

- **What if I include a gift in my will or other plan but change my mind?**

None of us know what the future holds. And we understand that, sometimes, a gift that has been previously pledged to us must be allocated to more pressing needs. But the decision is always yours to make. You are never obligated by a giving decision you make today.

**We encourage you to consult your professional tax or legal advisor prior to establishing a legacy gift, and to discuss your plans with your family or other trusted advisors.**

## An SCA alumnus builds a conservation career and mentors the next generation of SCA leaders.

Phillip Andrew grew up on a ranch in Texas, and his love for the outdoors led him to SCA internships around the country — Alaska, Mississippi, Wyoming, and Arizona. “I learned a lot of things that you can't learn in school,” remembers Phillip. And SCA helped launch his career: “SCA enabled me to network, attend conferences, and meet professionals in my field. It gave me insights into what I wanted to do with my life and opened many doors for me.” Today, Phillip is a biologist with the Institute for Wildlife Studies in San Diego. When he's not studying diminutive island fox on the Channel Islands or researching mountain lions in northern California, Phillip mentors budding biologists — including SCA interns.

