



*Inspiring Women Pilots
Since 1929*

The Ninety-Nines, Inc.
International Organization of Women Pilots
Guide to Making a Bequest

Your Enduring Legacy

While more than 80% of Americans contribute to nonprofit groups in their lifetimes, only a small percentage of them choose to continue their support through a charitable bequest. But a bequest or other planned gift is the best way to ensure that The Ninety-Nines, Inc. International Organization of Women Pilots continues to make a difference in the lives of aspiring female pilots all over the world.

What is a Charitable Bequest?

A charitable bequest is a gift made to a nonprofit, charity, or cause that you believe in and hope will continue in perpetuity . . . *indefinitely*. It is a thoughtful and enduring way of showing others what you value most. When you make a bequest, you are planning a special gift in your Last Will and Testament that changes lives.



Some of us have great runways already built for us. If you have one, take off! But if you don't have one, realize it is your responsibility to grab a shovel and build one for yourself and for those who will follow after you.

Amelia Earhart

Why Should I Make a Bequest to The 99s?

The Ninety-Nines, Inc. is the oldest organization dedicated to the advancement of women pilots. From Amelia Earhart, our first elected President, to the WASP to Sally Ride, our members have been inspirational trail blazers in the field of aviation. When you make a bequest gift to The 99s, you will support a number of key programs, including aviation scholarships, our "Let's Fly Now! First Flight Program" for all ages, our two museums' preservation of the history of women in aviation, the advancement of women in the aviation industry, and much more.

The Most Common Gift Bequests are Stated in One of the Following Ways:

Specific Bequest — a certain amount of cash, securities, or property.

Percentage Bequest — a stated percentage of your estate.

Residual (“Remainder”) Bequest — all or a portion of what remains of your estate after specific and general bequests are distributed.

The vast majority of bequests are in the first category — a specified amount of money that is transferred to a charity or nonprofit by means of your will, trust or estate plan. This type of bequest includes life insurance policies, retirement funds, bank and savings accounts, and mutual funds.

You may make a bequest by including language in your will that names The 99s as the beneficiary of your entire estate, or you can designate that a specific dollar amount, a particular asset, or a fixed percentage of your estate be given to The 99s. Here is a typical example of bequest language:

Sample Testamentary (or Bequest) Language:

"I give (\$_____dollars) (or a specific asset) (or _____% percent of the residue of my estate) to The Ninety-Nines, Inc., International Organization of Women Pilots (for its general purposes) or (for a Museum or Trust).

The most difficult thing is the decision to act; the rest is merely tenacity. The fears are paper tigers. You can do anything you decide to do. You can act to change and control your life; and the procedure, the process is its own reward.

Amelia Earhart



Getting Started—4 Easy Steps to Making a Bequest

Decide what people and entities you want to support, including the type of bequest you would like to make to The 99s (See page 7 for other types of Planned Giving vehicles.)

Complete a Declaration of Intent form (page 6 of this document) and mail to The 99s. The Declaration of Intent is not a legal or binding document, but it lets The 99s know of your intentions to make a future gift.

Make an appointment with your attorney or estate planner to discuss your options. When you draft your will, or the next time you update it, address your plans to make a bequest to The 99s.

Contact The 99s Headquarters Office to discuss your gift to The 99s, and provide our staff with a copy of the relevant provision from your will or trust benefiting The 99s.



A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves..

Amelia Earhart

Our Pledge to You

The Ninety-Nines cannot thrive without people like you. We hope you will let us recognize and celebrate your generosity. We make the following pledges to you:

- ◆ To acknowledge all bequests made to The Ninety-Nines.
- ◆ To document and recognize future donations.
- ◆ To use all bequests for the purposes for which they were given.
- ◆ To keep the details of the gift confidential.
- ◆ To provide accurate information on the use of gifted legacy contributions.
- ◆ To honor you with tributes, donor stories, and special events throughout the year.

A bequest is a way of expressing your unique life story.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is an estate?

Your estate is the sum of your assets, including property you own, insurance policies, retirement accounts, and cash on hand. Mistakenly, many people believe that estate planning is only for wealthy people. No matter what your economic level, you can benefit from an estate plan, as it legally protects and distributes your property based on your wishes and the needs of your family and other survivors, with as little taxation as possible.

2. Isn't a bequest something I should consider doing later in life?

It is never too early to establish a will. Most people begin to think of estate planning at momentous life events—deaths, births, marriage, travel, health concerns, retirement, etc. Although many people begin to consider their wills as they near retirement, more and more people are establishing their wills much earlier to ensure their assets are distributed according to *their values*.

3. What if my circumstances change?

Your bequest can be revoked at any time if your circumstances change. We ask that you simply keep us informed of any changes specifically related to your bequest to The Ninety-Nines.

4. How does The Ninety-Nines use bequests?

The 99s uses gifts from estates as you direct. We have several programs to which you might designate your bequest. See page 7 for a list of these programs.

5. What kind of bequest can I make?

Bequests can be “restricted,” meaning the donor specifies that the gift be used for a specific program or purpose. Bequests also can be designated for current use, which makes the entire gift available for use immediately. An “unrestricted” gift allows The 99s to support needs of the highest priority.

6. Are there any tax benefits from making a bequest to The 99s?

Unlike charitable gifts made during your lifetime, you do not receive a charitable income tax deduction when you make a bequest. However, if your estate is subject to estate tax, a bequest to The 99s entitles your estate to an estate tax charitable deduction for the amount donated and reduces the amount of tax your estate must pay. Also, if you make a gift by naming The 99s as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or IRA, there are income tax benefits. For specific questions related to your financial position and for donors outside of the United States, please consult with your financial planner to discuss various options most beneficial for you.

Still have questions?

Please contact The Ninety-Nines, Inc. Headquarters at 1-844-994-1929 or 1-405-685-7969 if *within the United States* or + 33 1 405-685-7969 if *outside the United States*.

You can also email us: 99s@ninety-nines.org

Gifted Declaration of Intent

As an expression of my desire to help advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring The Ninety-Nines, Inc.'s unique history and sharing our passion for flight; and in recognition of my confidence in The Ninety-Nines, Inc. International Organization of Women Pilots and its mission, it is my intent to name The Ninety-Nines, Inc. as a beneficiary in my estate plan.

My gift is currently valued at:

- \$ _____
- a percentage of my estate's value (_____ %)
- a part or all of the remainder of my estate (_____ %)

I have included a gift to The Ninety-Nines, Inc. (Tax ID 73-0632928) through:

- Bequest
- Trust Beneficiary
- Life Insurance Policy
- Retirement Plan
- Securities
- Other [specify] _____

I would like my gift to be:

- Unrestricted
- Endowment Fund
- Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum
- Museum of Women Pilots
- Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund: General fund, or Perpetual Scholarship (required min. \$50,000)

I would like my bequest to be named in honor /memory of _____.

If I make any change to this provision or if the value of the bequest or gift changes substantially, I will notify The 99s of such change. I understand that all information listed below will be kept in confidence unless I authorize its release.

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I wish to be recognized for my legacy gift to help encourage others to make an exemplary commitment. Please recognize me on donor lists as follows: _____

I prefer that my support remain anonymous.

Note: This document is not legally binding. As with any decision involving your assets, we recommend that you seek the advice of a financial planner.

Please print and send completed form to:
The Ninety-Nines, Inc., 4300 Amelia Earhart Drive, Suite A, Oklahoma City, OK 73159-1106

Appendix A

The Ninety-Nines Bequest Areas:

Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum (AEBM)

The Ninety-Nines owns and manages the AEBM, located in Atchison, Kansas. Amelia Earhart was born in this home on July 24, 1897 and spent much of her childhood here. Today, a visit to the Birthplace Museum will transport you back to the era when Amelia lived there.

Museum of Women Pilots (MWP)

The 99s' MWP, a non-profit museum and research institute located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, seeks to preserve the unique history of women in aviation and houses historical papers, personal items, video and oral histories, photos, memorabilia and other notable artifacts from pioneering women aviators worldwide.

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund (AEMSF)

Since 1941, the AEMSF has awarded almost 800 scholarships to licensed pilot members to advance in training and education to complete additional pilot certificates and ratings, jet type ratings, college degrees, and technical training, plus 275 awards to student pilots earning their first certificate.

Endowment Fund (EF)

The Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund was established to provide permanent financial support for The Ninety-Nines, Inc. The principal, composed of donations, remains untouched while the interest earned may be allocated for the perpetuation and advancement of The Ninety-Nines.

Areas of Greatest Need

An unrestricted bequest supports activities central to The Ninety-Nines' mission: promoting advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.

Types of Planned Giving Vehicles

Bequest - A provision in a will or estate plan that allocates all or part of the individual's estate to a designated charity or nonprofit.

Charitable Gift Annuity - An irrevocable transfer of property (e.g., securities) in exchange for a contract to pay the donor an annuity for life. Because the value of the property exceeds the value of the annuity, it is partially a gift to the recipient of the property.

Life Insurance - An arrangement in which a donor gives a life insurance policy to the charity or nonprofit. The cash value of that gift is tax deductible, as are any future premiums the donor may opt to pay on that policy. Note that only life insurance policies that are paid in full qualify as planned gifts.

Life Estate - An arrangement in which a donor gives her home to the nonprofit while retaining the right to live there for the remainder of her life. The donor receives an immediate income tax deduction. The charity may sell the property upon the donor's death.