



## **EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY**

Planning for the future and creating the legacy you wish to leave is one of the most effective ways to ensure a lasting impact. Making a gift in your will or living trust, known as a bequest, can guarantee that your legacy endures. Your gift may be a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder after all other provisions are specified. Below is suggested language to take to your attorney for use in drafting your bequest.

### **Sample Language**

For an unrestricted gift that allows Empire State University to determine how to use the funds based on the most pressing needs, use the following language for your will and/or trust: "I give to Empire State University Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation currently located at Two Union Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, or its successor thereto, \_\_\_\_\_[written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted charitable use and purpose."

To designate your provision for a particular purpose: "I give to Empire State University Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation currently located at Two Union Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, or its successor thereto, \_\_\_\_\_[written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property]. This gift should be used for (state purpose) if and so long as Empire State University Foundation, Inc. determines that the need exists. If Empire State University Foundation, Inc. shall determine at the outset or at a later time that the need does not exist, or no longer exists or for some reason it is not possible (or prudent) to administer my gift as originally intended, then Empire State University Foundation, Inc. may, in its sole and uncontrolled discretion, direct the use of my bequest for a purpose related as closely as possible to that stated above."

If you have named Empire State University in your will or trust, please let us know so we can ensure that your gift is used according to your wishes. Notifying us of your plans will enable us to plan for the use of your future gift. However, if you prefer to remain anonymous, we will keep your name and gift in strict confidence. Please contact Toby Tobrocke at 518-587-2100, ext. 2372, or [toby.tobrocke@sunyempire.edu](mailto:toby.tobrocke@sunyempire.edu) for more information.