# A Plan That Counts



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# **Gift Planning**

Throughout Bowdoin's history, alumni, parents, and friends have secured the future of the College by including it in their philanthropic plans. Gift planning arrangements will play an important role in the College's comprehensive campaign and help to ensure that Bowdoin remains an exceptional liberal arts college for generations to come.

Explore ways to have a meaningful impact on Bowdoin's future with a gift that best fits your personal and charitable objectives.





We hope you will consider joining the Bowdoin Pines Society by making a legacy gift to the College. You will be in the company of Bowdoin's most devoted alumni, parents, and friends.



Bowdoin College has over 1,000 alumni, parents, and friends who have joined the Bowdoin Pines Society as a result of creating a gift planning arrangement to support the College.

### Ways to Give

Gift planning offers many options to provide for Bowdoin, as well as for yourself and your loved ones.

**Will or Living Trust:** A future planned gift through a will or revocable living trust.

**Designation:** A future planned gift from your bank, investment, or retirement account; donor-advised charitable giving account; or life insurance policy.

**Life Income Gift:** An outright gift to fund a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust that pays you an annual income for life and arranges a future planned gift of the remainder.

**Retained Life Estate:** A future planned gift of real estate that allows continued use of the property for life.

**Promised Gift:** An irrevocable pledge to make a future gift of tangible personal property during your lifetime that is binding on your estate and heirs.

**"I realized** it is time for my generation to provide for future Bowdoin students. I wanted to give back by making a legacy gift."

Barbara Gross '77

Use appreciated securities and avoid capital gains tax.

### What to Give

Gift planning allows you to use different types of assets to receive the appropriate benefits for your situation.

**Cash:** In certain circumstances, an available charitable deduction may reduce your taxable income.

**Securities:** Avoid capital gains if held for more than one year.

**Retirement Assets:** Reduce or avoid estate and income tax.

**Real Estate:** With certain gifts, you can make a gift of your property, receive an available charitable deduction, and either continue to use your property for life or transfer it to fund income payments for life.

**Personal Property:** In certain circumstances, an available charitable deduction may reduce your income by the appraised value.

### When to Give

Gift planning can happen at any time, but typically coincides with:

- income tax planning for tax deduction purposes; and/or
- making important decisions about your future and your family's, such as when you are drafting a will and engaging in the estate-planning process.

Gift planning can also take place in consideration of a significant life event, such as:

- marriage, divorce, the birth or death of a family member;
- retirement; and/or
- a large influx of taxable income, such as a bonus, sale of a business, a successful investment, or an inheritance.

Almost anyone can make a gift planning arrangement. Bequests and beneficiary designations are among the options that have no effect on your current finances. They say you can't take it with you, but you can leave a legacy where the goals and outcomes are evident and extend human knowledge. A legacy gift keeps on giving—to future Bowdoin students and faculty, as well as to society.

### Communicate Your Wishes

Sharing information about your gift plan for Bowdoin ensures that your wishes are understood by the College. You will be welcomed into the Bowdoin Pines Society, which includes alumni, parents, and friends who have made a provision for Bowdoin in their long-range planning. Your membership in the legacy society may encourage others to make similar arrangements. To inform us of your plans, please provide:

- documentation of the provision in your will or living trust; designation on a retirement, brokerage, bank, or charitable gift account; and/or information about your charitable lead or remainder trust;
- a copy of the signature page that includes the gift plan for Bowdoin College; and
- a completed Future Gift Intention Form that includes an estimated value of your gift plan for Bowdoin (downloadable at bowdoin.edu/bequestform).



Documenting your gift plan does not make it binding or irrevocable you have the ability to revise your plan if your circumstances or priorities change.

## **Quick Planner**



#### I would like to make a gift:

During my life			x	x	x	x
Upon my death	x	x	x	×		x

#### I have the following assets available to make a gift:

Cash	x		x	x		
Securities	x		x	x		
Retirement assets		x				
Life insurance policy		x				
Financial account		x				
Real estate	x			x	x	
Other	x			x		x

#### Benefits that are important to me are:

Income			x	x		
Income tax deduction			x	x	x	x
Estate tax savings	x	x	x	x	x	x
Capital gains tax savings			x	x	x	x
Avoid probate		x	x	x	x	x
Lifetime control of assets	x	x			x	x

#### If my gift provides income, I prefer that it is:

Fixed		x	x	
Variable			x	



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