



Create a vibrant future for  
Colby College with a gift  
by will or trust



A gift by will or trust  
can help you:

- Create a future gift for Colby College
- Retain control of your assets during your lifetime
- Maintain flexibility if your plans change
- Enjoy potential estate tax benefits

*Discover a simple, revocable  
gift that meets your needs and  
serves future generations of  
Colby College students.*



“My time at Colby was influential in my life, especially when it comes to the arts. Establishing this gift through my estate allows me to leave a legacy that supports the College arts program so that others will benefit later, while I am still able to live my quality of life now.” **April Nelson McKay '72, Colby Legacy Society member**

### Bequests have strengthened Colby College for generations and could help you to craft a legacy for Colby.

A gift by will or trust—often called a bequest—is a gift established through your will, trust, or other estate plan and enacted at the end of your life. Similar giving options include gifts made by beneficiary designation, such as the proceeds from an individual retirement plan or other financial account.

### Design a gift that's right for you.

- Legacy gifts may be expressed as a specific amount, a particular asset, a percentage of your estate, or a contingency if heirs do not survive you. Bequests are fully revocable and can be adapted if your plans change. They may also help you to reduce or avoid estate taxes. Consult your advisors for information specific to your situation.
- Unrestricted bequests are vital for Colby because they can be applied to the highest priority need when the gift is received. Bequests may be designated to the Colby College endowment or to a particular purpose, such as student financial aid. If you are considering a specific idea, please contact us to ensure that the College can fully honor your gift intentions.

### The impact of your bequest

Your gift provides essential resources to sustain and strengthen the Colby College mission, meet unforeseen challenges, and plan for the future. Best of all, by including the College in your plans, you can lead the way and inspire others in the Colby community.



Every bequest, regardless of the amount, is a special gift and deeply appreciated.

### A sample bequest:

“I give to The President and Trustees of Colby College in Waterville, Maine, 4370 Mayflower Hill Drive, Waterville, ME 04901, a Maine nonprofit corporation, or its successor, Federal Tax Identification Number 01-0211497 [insert here the exact dollar amount or percentage of estate].”

For additional sample language and information, visit [giftplanning.colby.edu](http://giftplanning.colby.edu).



The Colby Legacy Society honors those who have arranged a planned gift for Colby College and helps connect them to the College with invitations to events and other opportunities. Anonymous members are welcomed.

### *We're here to help*

The Office of Gift Planning is pleased to provide you and your advisors with information on making an estate plan and other planned gifts.

Contact us at **207-859-4370** or [giftplanning@colby.edu](mailto:giftplanning@colby.edu), or visit [giftplanning.colby.edu](http://giftplanning.colby.edu).

We look forward to hearing from you!

This information is provided for illustrative purposes only and should not be considered legal or financial advice. We encourage you to discuss these giving options with your own legal and financial advisors.

Today. Tomorrow. *Always.*

Colby | **DARE  
NORTH  
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