



Including the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation in your estate plan allows you flexibility in providing for the community you call home. There are four primary documents where the Community Foundation can be named to receive assets at the end of your life: your will, your trust, your qualified retirement plan (IRA/401k, etc.), and life insurance. The legal description required by any of the four is the same, but you may wish to create a fund to receive the proceeds during your lifetime or you may wish to create a fund through your will or trust for further funding from one of the designations.

Basic language for a bequest through a will or trust to share with your estate planning attorney:

I give [describe gift] to the STARVED ROCK COUNTRY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, a tax-exempt Illinois not-for-profit corporation authorized to receive and hold charitable funds in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation and bylaws, (the "Foundation"), TIN 47-4762762. This gift is to be held by the Foundation and used for the charitable purposes of the Foundation.

If you would like your gift to be added to an existing fund, please add the name of the fund. For example, if you wanted to contribute to the Leadership Fund for Now, you would replace "held by the Foundation . . . of the Foundation" with "added to the Leadership Fund for Now."

If you would like to create a fund through your bequest, add the statement, "This gift shall be used to establish a fund known as the [name] Fund (the "Fund"). Then, add one of the following options:

OPTION I (Designated Fund): The purpose of the Fund is to provide financial support for [enter name of organization; if more than one, their names and shares].

OPTION II (Field of Interest Fund): The purpose of the Fund is to provide financial support for organizations, to be selected by the Board of Directors of the Foundation, that are [state particular field of interest or area of service; e.g., organizations that are engaged in assistance to the elderly or organizations that protect the environment].

OPTION III (Scholarship Fund): The purpose of the Fund is to provide financial support for [describe class of recipients; e.g., graduates of a particular high school or students pursuing a particular field of study]. Recipients shall be selected according to procedures that the Foundation shall from time to time determine.

The Foundation's bylaws contain a variance power. Thus, if ever it becomes unnecessary, undesirable, impractical or impossible to fulfill the purpose described, the Board of Directors of the Foundation will have the right to use the funds for other charitable purposes as deemed appropriate and in accordance with the governing instruments of the Foundation. Please call the Foundation office, 815-252-2906 or email Pamela Beckett, President, at pamela@srccf.org, with any questions.