Sample Language for Bequests

Specific bequests

A specific bequest designates a fixed dollar amount or specific asset(s). “I leave to The Armand Hammer United World College of the American West (a.k.a. UWC-USA), P.O. Box 248, Montezuma, NM 87731, [$____ (dollars)] or [designated asset(s)].”

Percentage bequests

A percentage bequest designates a percentage of the estate to the school. “I leave to The Armand Hammer United World College of the American West (a.k.a. UWC-USA), P.O. Box 248, Montezuma, NM 87731, and _____ % (percent) of my estate.”

Residuary bequests

A residuary bequest designates the remainder of the estate after all expenses have been paid and all specific bequests have been satisfied. “I leave [all] or [____ % (percent)] of the residue of my estate to The Armand Hammer United World College of the American West (a.k.a. UWC-USA), P.O. Box 248, Montezuma, NM 87731.”

Contingent bequests

A contingent bequest designates a bequest to UWC-USA if other beneficiaries are not alive when your will takes effect. “I leave to ___________________ (name) the greater of $______ (dollars) or _____ % (percent) of my estate. In the event that he/she shall predecease me, I direct this sum, or percent, to be paid to The Armand Hammer United World College of the American West (a.k.a. UWC-USA), P.O. Box 248, Montezuma, NM 87731.”