



**All students should have the same educational opportunities no matter where they go to school.**

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**  
**FOUNDATION** 

We Give Life-Changing Scholarships

**A bequest to the Public Education Foundation is a generous way for you to make a lasting contribution for the benefit of future generations of public school students and their teachers.**

Since the inception of Public Education Foundation's scholarship program 10 years ago, over 1,000 students have been supported with life-changing scholarships. This result is only possible because of the past philanthropic spirit of supporters like yourself.

Bequests to the Public Education Foundation, can help us give more life-changing scholarships and expand our programs.

The Foundation aims to build lasting relationships with our donors. If you are considering making a bequest we invite you to discuss your intentions with us so we can thank you personally and make sure your wishes are understood.

The impact of your gift doesn't stop there - through the generosity of our donors, the Public Education Foundation has reached into more than 300 schools, making a difference to the lives of their students, educators and communities.

The Foundation's reach continues to grow. We are a proud national charity, helping those in diverse places from remote Western Australia, to those living in our large east coast cities. Poverty, disadvantage and accessibility don't respect geographic boundaries - the need is felt everywhere.

The Public Education Foundation is committed to helping break the cycle of educational disadvantage and reducing inequality by supporting students and educators in Australia's public education system - and we know that you are too.



## Leaving a gift in your Will to the Public Education Foundation is more than a gift. It can...

- Support students who face social and economic disadvantage to achieve their full potential through life-changing scholarships.
- Provide professional development and opportunities to educators and school leaders to enable them to extend their leadership and teaching skills.
- Enhance the value of Australia's public schools, ensuring every Australian has access to a high quality, inclusive education.

Each year we receive applications from more individuals than we can support, so we do appreciate any gift that you make. We know firsthand how a gift or bequest, no matter how small, can make a huge difference, particularly for students confronted by hardship.

While supporting those who face disadvantage is paramount, it's not the only aspect of our public schools you can choose to support – each year the Public Education Foundation shines a light on excellence and outstanding achievements, recognising students who have excelled, whether it be academic performance, sporting, cultural, community or leadership.

The heroes within our public schools should also not be overlooked – you can make a contribution to recognise teachers and principals who deliver the highest quality education to their students and create a positive learning environment.

## We'd like to thank you

When you pledge a bequest we'd like to acknowledge your contribution by inviting you to become more involved in the Foundation and our work

Those with planned Bequests will have the opportunity to:

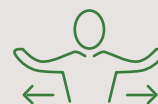
- receive invitations to official events and awards
- receive the Foundation's newsletters and Impact Report
- receive invitations to our annual 'Thank You to Donors' event
- with your consent receive acknowledgment of your planned gift in annual report if you would like to share you philanthropic plans with others and allow us to recognise your support



**96%**  
of scholarship recipients  
say our scholarships are  
life-changing



## Receiving a scholarship is empowering



- ✓ Assisted them to overcome disadvantage through the alleviation of financial stress
- ✓ Allowed them to focus on their studies
- ✓ Improved education outcomes
- ✓ Improved overall wellbeing
- ✓ Empowered them to take on leadership roles
- ✓ Offered the opportunity to be exposed to other recipients from diverse backgrounds

# Setting up your bequest

## Support what is important to you

Your bequest to the Public Education Foundation will help create scholarships and other programs for young people and educators within Australian public schools.

You may choose to make a general gift to the Foundation, or choose to be more specific about how you would like your bequest utilised.

Things to consider when setting up a bequest

- Do you want the bequest to be made for a specific or identified purpose?
- Would you like to create a scholarship in your name, or in the name of someone dear to you?
- Would you like your gift to remain anonymous, or given towards one of the existing programmes?
- Your bequest could be tailor-made to address specific areas of need (Indigenous, rural and remote), refugee or for specific curriculum areas like music or STEM. Or you can choose to support a specific school or school area.
- Do you have an age group in mind – students in primary, secondary or undergoing tertiary transition?

Or you can choose your bequest to be unrestricted. This allows the Public Education Foundation to allocate your gift to the area of greatest need.

## Types of bequest

A bequest may be in the form of money, real estate, stock, shares, artworks or goods.

## Is my bequest tax deductible?

No, it is important to note that a gift or donation made to an organisation with deductible gift recipient (DGR) status will only be tax deductible if the donation is made during the donor's lifetime - a gift given by bequest therefore is not tax deductible for the donor's estate.

## How to make a bequest

A bequest can be made through your Will at any time. You can pledge as little or as much as you like. We recommend you consult with your legal adviser before drafting or updating your Will.

The following is a brief guide of the wording you might choose to use:

*"I bequeath to the Public Education Foundation Ltd  
ABN 12 129 228 413,*

*All of my residuary estate, or*

*(a specified percentage) of my residuary estate, or the sum of (a specified sum), or my (list of specified assets),*

*(delete whichever is inapplicable)*

*free of all duties and taxes including, Capital Gains Tax if any.*

*For the general purposes of the Public Education Foundation, or*

*For the charitable purposes of the Public Education Foundation, or*

*And I request but without creating a binding trust that this bequest be applied to (the specific group or purpose you have in mind).*

*(delete whichever are inapplicable)*

*I direct and declare that the receipt of the financial secretary or other authorised officer of the Public Education Foundation at the date of my death shall be a full and complete discharge to my executor(s)."*

## I've already made my Will, how can I still make a bequest?

If you have already drafted your Will, you can make an amendment by adding a codicil to include a bequest.





The Una May Scholarship is named in honour of Una May Smith of Coogee. Miss Una May Smith was an Aboriginal woman who was professionally involved with La Perouse Public School over a number of years. Miss Smith generously bequeathed part of her estate for the establishment of this scholarship

For one of the recipients of this bequest, Issaraha, the scholarship really made a difference to his access to education. "Receiving this scholarship provided me with another marvellous opportunity. With the money from the scholarship I was able to buy many things that support my study. I'm interested in doing something in the health field. I can concentrate on my studies because of the Una May Scholarship. For this, I am very grateful."  
**Issaraha, Merrylands High School**



"Receiving this scholarship was like a dream come true. Being one of the Friends of Zainab scholarship recipients has not only reassured and assisted me financially, but it has also supported and encouraged me emotionally. It made me believe in myself and realise that I am capable of achieving much more than what I have ever thought I could."

**Maryam, Cabramatta High School**



John has been caring for his mum since he was five years old. Last year he graduated from Denison College Bathurst High Campus where he set up a young carers group to support students like himself.

With financial assistance from the Susan and Isaac Wakil Foundation Scholarship, he enrolled in Bathurst TAFE. "The scholarship funds have helped me enormously – with my course fees, a laptop, even utility bills,"

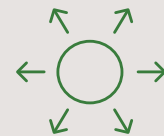
**John, Bathurst TAFE**



## Important information

Before making any gift or leaving a bequest, a donor should seek independent advice, including legal advice and taxation advice.

The information provided here by the Public Education Foundation is a guide only and does not constitute legal advice.



## What the Public Education Foundation does...

- ✓ Provides both equity and excellence scholarships for students in public education
- ✓ Provides professional learning and leadership scholarships for teachers and principals in public education
- ✓ Provides grant funding for arts programs in schools through the Arts Education Foundation Trust
- ✓ Promotes public education as fundamental to a strong and vibrant society



## Ways to give

- ✓ Make a donation
- ✓ Workplace giving
- ✓ Fundraising
- ✓ Bequests
- ✓ Volunteering

Or simply add your voice and spread the word about the work of the Public Education Foundation