



Bequests

Leave a Lasting Legacy: Protect America's Farmland for Future Generations

Join the many supporters who ensure a sustainable future for America's farmland by including AFT in their wills or estate plans. Your generous gift will help safeguard farmland, support farmers, and promote sustainable agriculture for years to come.

How It Works

This type of giving allows you to leave a specific asset or a portion of your estate to American Farmland Trust (AFT). This is done by including a bequest provision in your will or revocable trust. You can set this up when creating your will or trust, or by updating an existing one with a straightforward document. AFT can be listed as either a primary or a contingent beneficiary.

Unless you provide different instructions, your donation will be allocated to support our most pressing needs. Please contact us if you would like to contribute to a specific program or initiative. We'll assist you in crafting the appropriate language and ensure we can accommodate your intentions.

After making your decision, it's important to notify AFT of your commitment. This helps us with future planning and guarantees that your wishes can be fully realized. Communication is particularly crucial for gifts involving real estate, business interests, or other specialized property.

Following your lifetime, AFT receives the gift and utilizes it according to the purpose(s) you indicated. Unrestricted donations are used to support the organization's most critical efforts.

The amount you distribute is fully deductible for federal estate tax purposes, and there's no limit to the deduction your estate can claim. Additionally, the gift is typically exempt from state inheritance taxes.

Benefits

- Your gift costs you nothing now. You retain control of your assets and can modify your gift anytime.
- Your gift can remain anonymous if you choose.
- Your gift may provide tax savings or help reduce the tax burden for your heirs.
- You can direct your gift to a particular purpose (be sure to check with American Farmland Trust to ensure your request is understood and that your gift can be used as you intend).
- You can leave a gift in honor or memory of someone who inspired your commitment to farmland conservation.
- You qualify for a Farmland Forever Society membership.
- You will be helping to support future generations of farmers and promote sustainable agriculture.

More Information

As you create your will or trust, we encourage you to communicate with us if you're considering limiting the application of your bequest. Please be aware that a particular restriction might pose a risk as the program you wish to assist may not have the exact needs or relevance in the future when your gift is received.

The residual balance in your retirement plan can serve as a tax-efficient donation and be gifted to American Farmland Trust. To prevent its inclusion in your taxable estate, designate your charity of choice directly on your plan's beneficiary form.

There are several varieties of bequests, each offering unique methods for guiding how your estate is distributed. We invite you to contact us for more comprehensive information on this matter.

Naming American Farmland Trust as a Beneficiary

The residual balance in your retirement plan can be a savvy, tax-efficient donation. However, it's crucial not to assign it to us through your will or trust, as this will cause the plan to be included in your taxable estate. Utilizing your plan's successor beneficiary form to make the designation is better.

In a similar vein, you have the option to designate American Farmland Trust as the primary or contingent beneficiary of your life insurance policy. This move could potentially help to reduce your tax liabilities.

Legal Language

If you wish to name American Farmland Trust in your estate plan, please list us as:

"American Farmland Trust, a nonprofit organized and existing under the laws of Washington, DC, with a principal business address of 1150 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036. Tax identification number: 52-1190211."

