

“The deep rewards of giving go to those who give out of a concern for others, and take pains to see that their giving is wisely done...”

F. Emerson Andrews
(1902-1978)
American author



PLANNED GIVING WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA FOUNDATION GIFTS OF RETIREMENT DEATH BENEFITS

A SIMPLE AND TAX-EFFECTIVE GIFT

The University of Iowa Foundation can be named a beneficiary of most retirement savings plans. Alumni and friends who participate in Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), 401(k) plans, and other qualified retirement savings plans have an opportunity to make important gifts through a simple beneficiary designation.

HOW IT WORKS

Naming the UI Foundation as a beneficiary of a retirement account may be good tax planning. This is because when you name an individual – including a spouse – as beneficiary of a retirement savings plan, that individual must pay income tax as distributions are received. Depending on the recipient’s federal and state tax brackets, as much as 50 percent of the distributions can be lost to taxes. However, these same assets, when left to a qualified charity like the UI Foundation, pass completely tax-free. This means that 100 percent of the distribution goes to support the purpose(s) you choose at the UI, and both income taxes and estate taxes are wholly avoided.

NEXT STEPS

- Contact your plan administrator, to see if they will allow charitable beneficiary designations.
- Inform them that you wish to update your beneficiary designation to include a nonprofit organization. You may be able to download the forms from the plan’s website.
- Once you receive the forms, complete them as indicated in the instructions or in consultation with one of the plan’s representatives. When designating the University of Iowa as a beneficiary of your assets, you will need to use the full legal description of the University of Iowa Foundation as follows: **“the State University of Iowa Foundation, an Iowa nonprofit corporation of Iowa City, Iowa”**



- You may also need to include the UI Foundation's taxpayer ID number: **42-0796760**
- Indicate the percentage of assets to be gifted to the University of Iowa Foundation. Allocations of exact dollar amounts are not recommended by most plans due to the change in market value of your account assets. Make sure you contact your plan administrator with any questions about allocations.
- Return the beneficiary designation forms to your plan administrator.
- Send one copy of the completed forms to the University of Iowa Foundation at the address listed below to inform us of your future gift.
- If you have a specific direction for your designation within the University, such as scholarships, faculty support, or support of a particular program, contact us so we can work with you on drafting a Statement of Gift Intent. This document will reflect exactly how your gift will eventually be used. Our goal is to make sure your UI legacy is established the way you want it to be.
- We always recommend you work with your own professional advisors before you finalize your gift plans.

For more information, please visit www.uifoundation.planningyourlegacy.org, or contact:

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