



**SOCIETY  
FOR  
SCIENTIFIC  
EXPLORATION**

## **SAMPLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE**

**Please note:** If you decide to support the Society for Scientific Exploration through a bequest in your Will, Testament, or Living Trust, we strongly recommend that you consult an attorney to prepare these documents to ensure compliance with your state requirements. Below are examples of possible ways in which your bequest can be made:

### **1. Unrestricted Bequest**

An unrestricted gift by Will or Living Trust is especially helpful in supporting the work of the SSE. Possible language would be:

*I give, devise, and bequeath to the Society for Scientific Exploration, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization at PO Box 8012 Princeton, NJ 08543-8012 USA, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars [or personal property] [or percentage of my estate] [or rest, residue and remainder of my estate] to be used for the benefit of the Society for Scientific Exploration as its Council may determine.*

### **2. Restricted Bequest**

A restricted bequest is a gift that must be used for a specific purpose(s). Such a bequest might read as the sample above except that the following wording would be added at the end:

*...for scholarships for young graduate students deemed by the SSE Council, or its appointed committee to be worthy of support.  
...for an endowment to support the open access publications of the Society for Scientific Exploration, as determined by the SSE Council, or its appointed committee.*

### **3. Real Estate**

For a gift of specific property, possible language would be:

*I give, devise, and bequeath my residence at 101 Main Street, Hometown, Ohio, to the Society for Scientific Exploration, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to be used, including the proceeds therefrom, if sold, for its general purposes as its Council may determine.*