



Planned Giving Recognition Program AMSA Legacy Society

Those who support the American Meat Science Association (AMSA) through estate planning or life income vehicles are invited to join the ***AMSA Legacy Society***. Members enjoy a close relationship with the Association and are recognized in various ways throughout the year.

Objectives

- To highlight the importance of planned gifts in ensuring the AMSA's continued effectiveness and securing its future;
- To encourage and facilitate planned gifts; and
- To honor planned gift donors during their lifetime.

Membership

- Anyone who has notified AMSA of their intent to include the Association as a beneficiary of their estate plan is eligible for membership.
- Membership involves no dues, obligations, or solicitations, but it does allow AMSA to thank and recognize donors like you for the plans they have made as a way of encouraging others to follow the example.
- Anyone who confirms their membership in the ***AMSA Legacy Society*** by December 31, 2023, will be recognized as a Charter Member.

Recognition

- Members are recognized throughout the year on AMSA's website, in the Annual Report and at major AMSA events including the Reciprocal Meat Conference; they also enjoy the satisfaction derived from making a lasting contribution to AMSA's long-term success.
- Each year, a new class of ***AMSA Legacy Society*** members will be formally inducted at the RMC; this will represent those who announced their commitments over the preceding year.
- ***AMSA Legacy Society*** members will be indicated in all donor listings with a special symbol.
- Members will receive priority seating at general sessions at the Reciprocal Meat Conference.

To join the AMSA Legacy Society, please complete the intent form [here](#).

Sample Bequest Language

A bequest or other form of planned gift to AMSA is a powerful expression of your support for the future of the Association. If you would like to join others who have provided for the Endowment in this special way, simply include the following language in your will or trust:

Unrestricted Gifts

You may designate your bequest to the AMSA to be used for any purpose (an “unrestricted bequest”). Those funds will be applied to AMSA’s greatest needs at the time your bequest is realized and will provide much-needed funds to meet emerging priorities.

“I, [Name], of [City, State, ZIP], give to the American Meat Science Association, located in Kearney, MO, the sum of \$_____ [or property described herein] [or _____ percent (___%) of the rest of my estate] to be used by the American Meat Science Association in its discretion for general purposes.”

Restricted Gifts

You may instead designate a specific purpose for your bequest (a “restricted bequest”). For example, a gift may be earmarked to endow a scholarship, promote interactions between AMSA members and students, or any program that captures your imagination and passion.

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If you want to restrict your bequest in some way, it is recommended that you work directly with AMSA staff to be certain your wishes can be carried out in the future.

AMSA strongly encourages you to consult with a qualified attorney or financial services professional to assist in the development of your estate plan. For assistance in finding a qualified attorney, please contact your local bar association. AMSA stands ready to work with you and your advisors to ensure your charitable goals for the Association are effectively accomplished.

Contact AMSA

For more information about how you can support AMSA, please contact CEO Collette Kaster at 1-800-517-AMSA or by ckaster@meatscience.org.