



More than 300 live oak trees, first planted in the early 1940s, dot McNeese State University's interior campus and outer boundaries. The branches of the live oaks form canopies to create an inviting and natural beauty. With a life span of 200 years or more, the legacy left by planting a live oak tree may expand several generations.

The McNeese Foundation established **The 1939 Living Oak Society** to recognize donors that support the university through planned giving. Membership in **The 1939 Living Oak Society** (formerly called **Heritage Society**) provides the donor an opportunity to plant a seed that will create a lasting legacy for several generations.

MISSION

The 1939 Living Oak Society supports McNeese by providing funds to ensure a legacy for achieving the university's four core values. The Society is comprised of university supporters that have expressed the intention of making a planned gift to the McNeese Foundation. Beneficiaries of **The 1939 Living Oak Society** include students, faculty and staff, the community of Southwest Louisiana and beyond.

TYPES OF GIFTS

- Cash
- Tangible personal property
- Securities
- Real estate
- Oil, gas and mineral interests
- Bargain sales
- Life insurance policies
- Charitable remainder trusts
- Charitable lead trusts
- Retirement plan beneficiary designations
- Bequests
- Life insurance beneficiary designations
- Other property

For legal advice, seek assistance from a qualified attorney, investment planner, and/or certified professional accountant for specific guidance in setting up a planned gift. State laws apply when establishing wills, trusts or other charitable gifts.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Provisions for a specific percentage of assets or allocation of funds through a Last Will and Testament ensures your gift to the McNeese Foundation is secure.

BEQUEST LANGUAGE

The official bequest language for the McNeese Foundation is:

"I, [name], of [city, state, zip], give, devise and bequeath to The McNeese Foundation [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Annual recognition event
- Invitation to the President's Suite in the SkyRanch (*one football game*)
- Theatre and music tickets
- 10 percent discount at McNeese Bookstore (*excludes textbooks and computer products*)
- Recreation Complex membership
- Invitation to McNeese Foundation annual meeting as a voting member
- Campus parking hangtag

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Receipt of written documentation or a verbal commitment of the intent for making a planned gift to the McNeese Foundation
- Express directions regarding how the planned gift should be allocated, if there are preferences
- Donation of a planned gift that fits the needs of the donor and aligns with the best interests of McNeese

DONOR-DIRECTED PLANNED GIFTS

As a member of **The 1939 Living Oak Society**, you may choose to direct your gift to support a specific college, department or educational support unit. You may also choose to direct your support toward an area that endorses one of McNeese's four core values.

Student Success

- Endowed Scholarships
- Research and Travel

Academic Excellence

- Endowed Professorships/Chairs
- Faculty Development
- Centers for Excellence

Fiscal Responsibility

- Improved Technology
- Accreditation Support

University/Community Alliances

- Banners Program
- Upward Bound Program
- Small Business Development Center



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The McNeese Foundation's Office of Planned Giving and Donor Research is available to inform, educate and provide guidance to individuals interested in making a planned gift.

For more information on how you may become a member of **The 1939 Living Oak Society**, contact Marianne White, coordinator of planned giving and donor research, at 337.475.5588 or mariannewhite@mcneese.edu.

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we make a life by what we give."

Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

