



## Types of Gifts

- Cash
- Tangible personal property
- Securities
- Real estate
- Oil, gas and mineral interests
- 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.”



## Donor-Directed Planned Gifts

As a member of *The 1939 Living Oak Society*, you may choose to direct your gifts to a specific area.

Planned gifts, once realized, can become endowments for academic or athletic scholarships, professorships, campus departments and programs or for the area of greatest need.

Your planned gift, whatever the designation may be, will carry out the university's mission of changing lives to ensure a strong future for McNeese.

## Membership Benefits

- Invitation to President's Suite in SkyRanch (one football game, space permitting)
- Theatre and music tickets
- 10 percent discount at McNeese Bookstore (excludes textbooks and computer products)
- Recreation Complex membership
- Invitation to the 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





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* provides the donor an opportunity to plant a seed that will create a lasting legacy.

## Mission

*The 1939 Living Oak Society* supports McNeese by providing funds to ensure a legacy for achieving the university's mission, vision and 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.



Evergreen. Durable. Resilient.  
A SOUTHERN SYMBOL OF STRENGTH.

The McNeese Foundation 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 the McNeese Foundation at 337-475-5588 or [mcneesefoundation@mcneese.edu](mailto:mcneesefoundation@mcneese.edu).

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“We make a living by what we get . . .  
we make a life by what we give.”

*Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)*