



Narcotics Anonymous[®]

Australian Regional Service Committee

Making a Bequest to NA

A 7th Tradition Donation isn't the only way we can contribute to NA. NA members and their loved ones often ask about contributing to NA through planned giving. The following information is offered to attempt to answer some commonly asked questions.

Can I leave money to NA when I die?

Our Seventh Tradition reminds us that NA is funded only by our members' contributions, declining all outside contributions.

Our intention to donate after our death isn't confined or prevented by our Traditions - in the spirit of our guiding principles, we can choose to bequeath assets to NA after we die.

If a member is interested in contributing to NA in this way, the arrangement must be initiated while the member is alive to ensure harmony with our Traditions. Our Seventh Tradition tells us that each NA member should not contribute more than their fair share.

General Guidelines

Intentions to leave money or other assets to NA need to be in writing, and usually take the form of a last Will and Testament. A solicitor specialising in Wills and Estates can assist with the preparation of a Will, ensuring that the planned giving process is completed accurately.

A written instruction should be made to the "Regional Service Body of Australia Incorporated, ABN 84749715440". The Regional Service Body of Australia Incorporated is the legal name for the Australian Regional Service Committee (ARSC) of Narcotics Anonymous. The following Suggested wording below is provided for a gift in your Will.

I _____, give to the Regional Service Body of Australia Incorporated (ABN 84749715440):

1. The residue (or _____% of the residue) of my estate
2. _____% of my estate
3. A sum of \$ _____

To be used for the fulfilment of its charitable purposes, free of all death and estate duties.

I declare that the receipt of such gift by its authorised officers shall be sufficient discharge of my Executors.

Gifts of money or other liquid assets are always preferred. If you wish to leave items other than liquid assets, the Australian Regional Service Committee (ARSC) will do their best to deal with those items in the way that will best benefit the NA Fellowship in Australia. Whilst we will attempt to honour any preference or dedication of your gift, we must ask that you allow us (the ARSC) the flexibility to make the final determination ourselves. In harmony with our Eleventh Concept, NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly.

For additional information, you may also want to access IP #24, Money Matters: Self-support in NA, and IP #28, Funding NA Services, for more on our Seventh Tradition at work in NA. Both can be found at www.na.org

If you have comments or questions on planned giving, please email the Chair of the Australian Regional Service Committee at chair@na.org.au