

Leaving a legacy to the DofE

Helping young people unlock their potential and build a brighter future.

Your support can ensure that the DofE will still be making a difference to young people in the future. Together we can help the young people of tomorrow build a better future for themselves.

Our challenge for the future is to ensure that every one of the eight million young people aged between 14 and 24 in the UK has the opportunity to reach their full potential. You can help us give young people the chance of a lifetime. A gift in your will could help us meet this challenge, confident that we will have the support we need to succeed.

A practical five-step legacy planning guide

Following these simple steps should make remembering The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in your will a lot easier. It will ensure that in years to come young people will get the most benefit from your generosity.

- 1:** Make a complete list of your assets, including all your savings and investments.
- 2:** Have a clear idea of who you would like to remember in your will. If you are kind enough to leave a gift to The Duke of Edinburgh's Award then you will need to provide your solicitor with our full address: The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Gulliver House, Madeira Walk, Windsor SL4 1EU and our Registered Charity Number in England and Wales: 1072490 and in Scotland: SC038254.
- 3:** Choose at least two executors who will ensure that your wishes are carried out. It is up to you whether you choose friends, relatives or professionals, but it is sensible to check that they are happy to take on the responsibility. It is also a good idea to select at least one executor who is younger than you.
- 4:** Decide what kind of gift you are going to leave. To help you, here is a brief explanation of different ways you can remember your loved ones:

Residual legacy – this is the remainder of your estate once all your debts, expenses, cash sums and gifts have been paid. You can nominate people or organisations to receive a share or all of the residue. Leaving a gift in this way ensures beneficiaries get the full benefit of your gift because it helps to reduce the effect of inflation. It also ensures that your family and friends will be provided for.

A cash sum – gifts of specific amounts of cash are always welcome, but don't forget to ask your solicitor to ensure the amount you leave is index-linked, which will protect it against inflation. Alternatively you could leave a percentage of your estate, which will also preserve the value of your gift.

Specific gifts – these are particular items such as furniture, jewellery or shares. It is important to leave a full description of any item you intend to leave so there is now doubt about your intentions.

- 5:** Arrange an appointment with a solicitor or will-writer. **Any gift you choose to leave to The Duke of Edinburgh's Award will be greatly appreciated.**



"My love of the outdoors and my enthusiasm for teaching young people about the outdoors springs from doing my DofE. That's why I have a provision in my will for a legacy to The Duke of Edinburgh's Award."

Nick Heaton,
Gold Award holder

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