

Gifts in Your Will

Building a strong future for the Ukrainian Canadian Community

WHO CAN LEAVE A GIFT IN THEIR WILL?

Anyone can leave a gift in their will, regardless of age or estate size. Including the Ukrainian Canadian Foundation of Taras Shevchenko (Shevchenko Foundation) in your estate plans is a meaningful way to support Ukrainian culture and heritage in Canada, while continuing to care for the people you love. Many supporters are surprised to learn that even a modest future gift can make a lasting difference—often without affecting their family’s financial security.

HOW WILL THE SHEVCHENKO FOUNDATION USE MY GIFT?

We are committed to honouring every gift exactly as intended. Your bequest may be unrestricted, or you may choose to establish a fund in your family name. By remembering the Shevchenko Foundation in this way, you will ensure many lifetimes of support.

WHY CONSIDER LEAVING A GIFT TO CHARITY?

A gift made through your will or as part of your estate planning is a meaningful way to support a cause you care about. It allows your values and generosity to continue, creating a lasting impact beyond your lifetime. For the Shevchenko Foundation, these gifts provide vital, long-term support that helps sustain and grow Ukrainian culture and heritage in Canada for future generations.

HOW CAN I LEAVE A GIFT TO THE SHEVCHENKO FOUNDATION AND PROVIDE FOR MY LOVED ONES?

Caring for family and loved ones is always the priority. Many supporters choose a residual gift, ensuring loved ones are provided for first, with a gift to the Shevchenko Foundation made from what remains of the estate. Others prefer to leave a specific amount or a percentage of their estate.

WHAT IF I HAVE A WILL?

It is often easy to include a gift to the Shevchenko Foundation without rewriting the entire document. Your lawyer may suggest adding a codicil, a simple amendment that updates your will.

Sample wording (for illustration purposes only)

“This is a codicil made by me, [*your name*] of [*where you live*] dated [*today’s date*] to my will dated _____. I give the Ukrainian Canadian Foundation of Taras Shevchenko of 315-260 St. Mary Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3C 0M6 / Charity No. 11927 3472 RR001, a gift in my will of [*a specific amount, or percentage of my estate, or a percentage of the residue of my estate*].

USE OUR LEGAL NAME

If you decide to leave a gift in your will to the Shevechenko Foundation, it is most important that you use our full legal name “The Ukrainian Canadian Foundation of Taras Shevchenko” to avoid any confusion.

Legal Name: The Ukrainian Canadian Foundation of Taras Shevchenko

Address: 315-260 St. Mary Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3C 0M6

Charitable Registration Number: 11927 3472 RR001

LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR GIFT

While not required, many supporters choose to share their intentions. Doing so allows us to thank you personally and invite you to join the Kobar Fellowship. Membership is based on shared values, not gift size, and recognition preferences are always respected.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

If you have questions or would like more information, we’re happy to assist — whether you’re just beginning to think about a gift in your will or have specific plans in mind.

Phone: 416.524.7665 or **Email:** jkuzma@shevchenkofoundation.com

Please Seek Expert Advice: The Shevchenko Foundation strongly recommends that you seek professional advice to ensure your financial goals are considered, your tax situation reviewed, and that your legacy gift is tailored to your circumstances. The Shevchenko Foundation recommends that you consult your lawyer or estate planner regarding the specific wording of any gift in a will.