
THE APSA LEGACY SOCIETY

HELPING TO
ADVANCE OUR
PROFESSION FOR
EVERY GENERATION

Estate planning booklet and resource



SECURE YOUR LEGACY IN APSA



When you plan your estate, you have the remarkable opportunity to create a lasting impact that aligns with your values. By making a charitable gift, you can let your values live on, secure your legacy, and help shape a bright future for political scientists. We invite you to consider including APSA in your estate plans.

*A planned gift of any size qualifies you for membership in the **APSA Legacy Society**, which recognizes individuals who support the association through a bequest in a will or by naming APSA as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, retirement plan, or other financial account.*

Your generosity will make a difference for generations to come. With your support, APSA can continue to assist scholars at the early stages of their careers, and provide essential resources for research, professional development, and teaching.

We understand that estate planning is an important decision, and we hope this booklet helps you navigate the process with confidence. If you have any questions or have already included APSA in your estate plans, please let us know – we would love the opportunity to thank you and celebrate your commitment. Thank you for considering this meaningful way to leave a lasting legacy.

Dr. Kimberly A. Mealy
APSA Executive Director
American Political Science Association



WAYS YOUR GIFT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

By supporting APSA, you contribute to:

- **Scholarly research:** funding groundbreaking research in political science
- **Education:** providing resources for political science students and educators across the discipline
- **Public Engagement:** promoting civic education and democratic participation



BENEFITS

Through the APSA Legacy Society, you can:

- Contribute at any level, knowing that every gift makes a difference.
- Leave a lasting impact on the discipline and its future practitioners.
- Ensure your donation is designated according to your wishes.
- Retain control of your assets during your lifetime.
- Honor or remember someone special with your gift.
- Receive potential estate tax benefits while supporting APSA's mission.

Consider joining others who share your commitment to advancing political science. Your support can help ensure **a bright future for scholars, teachers, students, and practitioners for years to come.**

Join the APSA Legacy Society today and leave a lasting **impact on the future of political science.**



REMEMBER APSA IN YOUR WILL VIA A BEQUEST

A will directs how your assets will be distributed after your lifetime. Common purposes of a will include providing for a spouse or children, honoring family members and friends, and leaving a legacy through gifts to charity known as bequests. Writing a will gives you the opportunity to communicate your values to your loved ones and to future generations. By preparing your will now, you can enjoy peace of mind knowing that you have taken care of the people and organizations that are important to you.

If you already have a will and want to make a bequest, a codicil can be added, rather than a total rewriting of your will. APSA development staff can provide sample bequest and codicil language for you and your attorney to consider. You may direct your bequest for a specific purpose at the Association, and APSA can work with you and your attorney to identify ways to meet your giving interests.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN GIVE – BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

You can also make a gift to support APSA by naming the association as a beneficiary of a:

- Life insurance policy
- Retirement account
- Brokerage account
- Certificate of Deposit (CD)
- Donor-advised fund (DAF)
- Other bank and financial accounts that allow relevant designations
- Royalties from books or other works

You can make APSA a beneficiary of 5, 10, 50 or even 100 percent – any amount you choose. You can also review and adjust your beneficiaries at any time, just like a gift in your will.

If you would like to discuss adding the Association to a will or beneficiary designation form, please email development@apsanet.org and also consult a legal or financial advisor.

When adding to your estate giving plan, please include the following information:

Legal Name: American Political Science Association

Tax ID: 53-0200001

YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN THE LEGACY SOCIETY

APSA's Legacy Society was founded to recognize and honor donors who have made a planned gift to support the future of political science. By joining this distinguished group of forward-thinking supporters, you help ensure that APSA's mission continues for generations to come. We welcome the opportunity to assist you in exploring your giving options, completely confidentially and with no obligation.



Legacy Society members are recognized annually unless they request anonymity, and we proudly share their stories on our website to honor their generosity and lasting impact on the discipline.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Consult with Your Advisor: Discuss your philanthropic goals with your financial advisor, attorney, or estate planner.

Contact APSA: Notify APSA of your intention to include us in your estate plans and join the Legacy Society.

Review Your Plans: Regularly review and update your estate plans to ensure they reflect your current wishes and circumstances.

Please note that the materials provided in this booklet are presented solely as educational information and are not intended as legal or financial advice.