

Planned Giving

A number of our supporters have already left a gift to the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in their wills or estate plans to help preserve this historic place for future generations, and you can too. If you have already included the Thomas Cole Site in your will, please let us know. We can't wait to thank you.

Charitable Bequests – Everyone can be a philanthropist

A charitable bequest is a gift traditionally made through a will that enables you to make a significant contribution to the future of the Thomas Cole National Historic Site with no immediate costs. You retain full control of your assets in life as well as the rewarding feeling that you have made a difference in the future of American art and the communities we serve.

Bequests can be general or restricted. You can choose to bequest a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate or financial account such as your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or Qualified Retirement Plan.

Please find sample language below that you can use to make your charitable bequest:

General Bequest:

I give to the Thomas Cole Historic House (TCHH) a charitable foundation located in Catskill, NY, *(a percentage of the estate, specific dollar amount, remainder of estate after all other bequests & expenses, etc.)* to be used for its general support and charitable purposes without restriction.

Restricted Bequest

I give to the Thomas Cole Historic House (TCHH) a charitable foundation located in Catskill, NY, *(a percentage of the estate, specific dollar amount, remainder of estate after all other bequests & expenses, etc.)* to be used for *(describe how your gift is to be used, such as for historic preservation, the Cole Fellows program, a lecture series, school programs, etc.)* If at any time, it becomes impossible or impractical for my gift to be used for the above charitable purpose, TCHH shall use my gift for a purpose and in a manner that most closely meets the above charitable purpose.

Beneficiary Designation on an Account

To designate all or a portion of an IRA, qualified retirement plan, or financial account for the benefit of the Thomas Cole Historic House, please use the following information on the beneficiary designation form:

Charity Legal Name: Thomas Cole Historic House
Foundation IRS Tax ID Number: 27-0599147

Other forms of Planned Giving

For other forms of planned giving please contact Jennifer at 518.943.7465 x6. We would love to talk with you about your goals, and work with you on your specific needs and questions. Your efforts will ensure that the Thomas Cole National Historic Site continues to serve growing audiences at the place where American art was born.