



A Cougar Quiz: Wills & Charitable Giving

True or False: How Well Do You Know Charitable Gift Planning at WSU?

Many Cougs plan carefully for family and loved ones—but charitable intentions are often misunderstood or overlooked. This quick quiz explores how wills can support both your personal priorities and the future of Washington State University.

True or False?

1. I must choose between supporting my family and including WSU in my will.
 True False
2. A charitable gift to WSU in my will automatically reduces what my heirs receive.
 True False
3. Adding a charitable gift for WSU requires rewriting my entire will from scratch.
 True False
4. Charitable gifts left to WSU in a will are subject to estate taxes.
 True False
5. I must know the exact purpose of my gift today or I shouldn't include WSU in my will.
 True False
6. Once I include WSU in my will, I can't change my mind if circumstances change.
 True False

Answers: Myths—Busted

All of the statements above are false.

1. Many donors provide first for loved ones and still include WSU through a percentage or residual gift.
2. Charitable bequests are often made after family provisions and can be tailored to your situation.
3. Many donors add WSU through a simple amendment, beneficiary designation, or codicil.
4. Gifts to qualified charitable organizations like WSU are generally not subject to estate tax.
5. Broad or unrestricted gifts allow WSU flexibility to meet future needs.
6. Most charitable provisions in a will are revocable and can be updated at any time