

A Legacy of Love

YOUR GUIDE TO
CREATING A PLANNED
GIFT TO **ECKANKAR**



ECKANKAR

The Path of Spiritual Freedom



*Someone pointed out
a long time ago that as we
go up the ladder, we leave the
ladder behind so those who
come after us may use it too.*

—Sri Harold Klemp

A Precious Gift

ECK chelas often speak of the great spiritual rewards and benefits they've found in ECK. Many ask how they can share their deep love of ECK via their estate plan or other planned gift.

Your planned gift to ECK reaches into the future to help ensure that others can receive the same benefits you have on the Path of Spiritual Freedom. It becomes part of your personal spiritual legacy in ECK.

This brochure outlines steps you can take to create a legacy for ECKANKAR. Taking time to plan ahead for your wishes can bring many benefits, including peace of mind, to both you and your loved ones.



The Riches of ECK

By Sri Harold Klemp

[An] ECKist had a dream where she was walking her dog down a street. In the dream she came upon a very old, large suitcase. Since nobody seemed to own it, the woman decided to take it home. As she began to carry it down the street, a man walked up to her. “May I help?” he asked.

The ECKist recognized him as Paul Twitchell. . . .

“Thank you very much,” she said, handing him the heavy suitcase.

“I’ll help you carry it home,” said Paul, but when they got very close to her house, he set the suitcase on the ground. “You’ll have to carry it the rest of the way yourself,” he told the woman. Then he just disappeared.

The woman took the suitcase home, and when she opened it, she found it was full of money. As she looked at it, she realized the money was the riches of ECK. “Now I can finally do all the things for people that I’ve wanted to



do,” she said, and very quietly she began giving away the money. She didn’t need recognition for the gifts she gave, because she was a humble person.

When she woke from the dream, the woman recognized although she doesn’t have much money in this life, she does have the true riches of ECK. She has the love of ECK, the love of the Holy Spirit. And no matter where she goes or what she does, she is able to give people what they need. They don’t know it, but she’s drawing from this huge suitcase that is back in a room in her dream world.

We know in ECK that the dream worlds are very real; they’re not imagination. . . .

There are people in ECK who have higher states of awareness. . . . They are aware of life at different levels, in different heavens.

This is how it should be, because this is your spiritual legacy from God to see, know, and be all that there is. And there is much more than what is here on the physical plane.

—From *What Is Spiritual Freedom?*



Wills and Living Trusts

We made our first will and included bequests to ECKANKAR. Our earthly belongings are gifts from the Holy Spirit during our spiritual sojourn on earth. . . . They helped bring us the opportunity to meet the MAHANTA in this lifetime. Now we know our gifts will give someone else the same opportunity.

—DK

Creating a will or trust

Wills and trusts allow people to direct gifts to loved ones and charities they care about. Such gifts can include the following:

- monetary gifts
- stock certificates or bonds
- titled property such as real estate*

A gift can be a specific amount, an entire asset, a percentage, or what remains after your other directives have been fulfilled. Your loved ones come first in your planning.

* If you wish to give a gift of real estate, please contact ECKANKAR for help on directing your gift.



Find the best approach for you

There are several ways to create a trust or will. Here are some things to consider:

- the size and complexity of your estate
- where you live and where your property resides
- your flexibility and privacy needs
- Consult a professional adviser to find the best approach for you.

Naming ECKANKAR in your will or trust

If you wish to name ECKANKAR as a beneficiary, please use the following information:

ECKANKAR
PO Box 2000
Chanhassen, MN 55317-2000 USA
Tax ID: 88-0108294



Beneficiary Designations

I made ECKANKAR a partial beneficiary on my life insurance policy. I couldn't think of a better thank-you. I long to know that these teachings of the Light and Sound of God will always be available. I am helping ensure they will.

—JO

A beneficiary designation lets you direct funds in a financial account to people or organizations you specify. Accounts offering this option include

- retirement and pension accounts;
- investment, brokerage, and bank accounts;
- life insurance policies;
- annuities.

Beneficiary designations are private, easy to create and update, and usually fulfilled quickly, simply, and privately. Contact your financial institutions for their forms and procedures.

Most forms allow you to designate

- people, organizations, trusts, or estates;



- multiple beneficiaries with percentages to each;
- both *primary* and *contingent* beneficiaries.

Primary beneficiaries

Primary beneficiaries are first in line to receive benefits from your accounts.

Contingent beneficiaries

Contingent beneficiaries benefit only if no primary beneficiary survives you.

Naming both primary and contingent beneficiaries helps ensure your assets will pass to the individuals or organizations you choose.

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How to Get Started

Three simple steps

1. Gather information about your assets, including retirement funds, bank accounts, and real property.
2. Think about the people and organizations that matter to you and how you would like to provide for them.
3. Meet with a qualified financial and/or legal adviser.

Getting the help you need

To complete your estate plan, ECKANKAR advises consulting an estate planner, attorney, or financial planner. Laws vary across states and countries, so try to find a professional familiar with the laws where you live.

Friends or family may be able to recommend candidates. You might consider interviewing candidates to find the right one(s) for you. If he or she has questions about ECKANKAR or needed legal language, the ECKANKAR Spiritual Center will be glad to help. See the back page of this brochure for contact info.



Involve your loved ones

In considering a bequest or other gift, ECKANKAR encourages everyone to take care of their family responsibilities first. Take the time to discuss your wishes with your family and loved ones. This will help them understand and carry out your intentions when the time comes.

Keeping your plan up-to-date

You'll want to review your estate plan periodically and whenever any of the following change:

- your life situation
- heirs or beneficiaries
- executor or personal representative
- assets
- pertinent laws where you or your assets reside

Feel free to let us know

If you have provided—or intend to provide—a gift to ECKANKAR, you are welcome to complete and return a “Legacy of Love” reply card.

If the plans you've told us of have changed, feel free to send your updates to ECKANKAR, Att: Planned Giving.



*Love is the most important
element behind any gift to ECK.*

—Sri Harold Klemp



Thank you for
your legacy of love.
Your gifts will help ensure
the teachings of ECK are here
for generations to come.

Ways to request or find more information:

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giving@eckankar.org

Eckankar.org > [Members Area](#) > [Donations & Planned Giving](#)

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