



LEAGUE OF
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Why should I give to the League?

*The LWVOREF is in a
unique position to
affect the future of our
democratic way of life.*

If you are truly interested in the future of government, you will want to invest in an organization whose goal is to make democracy work and whose effectiveness has been proven for more than 80 years.

With political issues growing more complex and Oregon's ballot measures continuing to proliferate, there is increasing danger that voters will "tune out" the democratic process.

To be effective in today's political climate, the League must intensify its basic message that the choice of our leaders and the development of their policies is vital to each one of us – in our private lives and in our business affairs.

*Your donation will help to
ensure that the League of
Women Voters has
enough resources to move
toward its 100th
anniversary with
strength and confidence.*

Help Make Democracy Work Now and in the Future

Q: *How can I help the League financially?*

A: Planned Giving offers a variety of tools to provide support for the League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund:

- **Monthly Giving Program.** You can have a stipulated amount automatically deducted from your checking account each month.
- **Donation of Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds or Real Estate Property.** By giving any of the above to the Education Fund, your tax deductible gift can also reduce or eliminate capital gains taxes.
- **Tangible Personal Property.** A donor is entitled to a charitable deduction for gifts of long-term capital-gain personal property, including such items as works of art, rare books, stamp or coin collections, etc.
- **Gifts of Life Insurance.** Life insurance allows one to make a substan-

tial gift on an installment basis by designating the League as one of your beneficiaries. If the League owns the Policy or account, it then is not included in your total Estate that is subject to inheritance taxes.

- **Bequest in Your Will.** You may name the League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund to receive a bequest through your Will. This positively affects the inheritance taxes on your estate. You can choose to state a specific gift amount, provide a percentage, or assign the remainder of your estate.

Q: *Why should I consider Planned Giving?*

A: With our Planned Giving program, you can choose to help the League now through the Education Fund or to help the organization for the long term through the Endowment Fund.

Q: *Are donations to the Education Fund tax deductible?*

A: The Education Fund is organized exclusively for educational purposes under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3). Contributions to the Education

and Endowment Funds qualify as itemized tax deductions.

Q: *How will the Endowment Fund be used?*

A: Interest from the fund will help carry out the mission of the League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund, to encourage the active and informed participation of citizens in government and to increase understanding of major policy issues. It will partially fund publishing the *Voters' Guide* and other voter services such as, presenting public forums and debates; and researching and presenting studies.

Q: *How is the Endowment Fund managed?*

A: The Oregon Community Foundation invests the money on behalf of the League. The interest on principal may be used for the League's educational programs. The money is included in the yearly budget that is voted on by the Board of Trustees.

Planned Giving: Making a gift that will do wonders for our future

I wish to make monthly contributions. I authorize the LWVOREF to deduct \$ _____ per month from my checking account. My check is enclosed for the first month's contribution.

Signature _____

I'm interested in learning more about planned giving.

I have already included the League of Women Voters in my will, life insurance, or other estate plans. (Please describe) _____

I would like to assist with fundraising activities for the Endowment Fund.

Please print:

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

City, Zip _____

Daytime phone (____) _____ Evening phone (____) _____

Comments and questions:

For the League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund to receive your tax-deductible gift, your bequest must specify "The League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund."
Please return to: LWVOREF 2659 Commercial St. SE, Suite 260, Salem, OR 97302

