



A gift to WISE is a lasting legacy to Alaska's future. We help Copper River Valley residents of all ages learn about and connect to the natural environment. There also may be significant benefits to your income and estate taxes. Please consult with your financial advisor to make an informed decision about the best way for you to donate.

Giving Now

An outright gift of cash is the simplest and most common way to donate to WISE. Since we are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, the contribution is fully tax deductible. You can make a donation with a check, with a credit card, or by PayPal. By making your gift unrestricted, you give WISE the greatest flexibility to address current priorities. Use the donate button on our website, www.wise-edu.org or mail your gift to WISE, HC 60 Box 338A, Copper Center, Alaska, 99573.

Recurring Giving

You can schedule a regular gift to WISE which will be processed automatically every month by visiting the donate page on our website www.wise-edu.org/donate and clicking the "Donate" button.

Employer Matching Gifts

Check with your employer for a matching gifts program to double the impact of your donation. The human resources department will have information and forms to make it happen. Some companies also have employee-advised funds that allow you to help decide company giving.

Real Estate and Personal Property

WISE accepts gifts of real estate or other valuable personal property. In most cases, it will be sold to provide needed income. Please call the WISE office at (907) 822-3575 if you are considering a gift of property.

Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend Pick.Click.Give Program

When you apply for your Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, give to WISE using the Pick.Click.Give feature on the online application. You can also modify or add Pick.Click.Give donations through August using the online system. Please be aware that Pick.Click.Give keeps 7% of your donation to cover costs.

Merchant Giving Programs

WISE accepts donations through AmazonSmile and Fred Meyer Community Rewards. These programs donate a percentage of your purchases to WISE. Sign up at <https://smile.amazon.com/> or <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4>

Gifts of Time and Talent

Volunteers are needed for a wide variety of projects, including office work, facility and equipment maintenance, curriculum development, and programs. We also need committed people to serve on our Board of Directors and Advisory Board.

Long-Term or Future Gifts

As you plan your will, retirement, or life insurance, a gift to WISE can provide a lasting legacy, plus possible tax advantages.

Bequests

A charitable bequest in your will is a simple and powerful way to support WISE. Tax laws favor bequests, providing a 100 percent charitable deduction for gifts made to WISE through a will or estate plan. Bequests offer considerable flexibility too, allowing you to tailor your gift so that you and your heirs can reap the greatest benefits. The sample language provided here is an easy way to begin building a bequest to WISE. The provisions in your own will depend upon the type of gift you make as well as your specific circumstances. Please consult your attorney when considering any legal matter.

Unrestricted Bequest:

An unrestricted bequest is one intended for the general and best use by WISE at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. Such a bequest might read:

"I give to the Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment, a nonprofit corporation located in Copper Center, Alaska, the sum of \$_____ (or _____% of my estate; or the property described herein). The property comprising this gift may be used to further the charitable purposes of WISE at the discretion of its trustees."

Restricted Bequest:

As with any gift, donors can restrict bequests for specific purposes. If you create a restricted bequest, please give the organization flexibility to meet unforeseen circumstances.

Retirement Plans

Naming WISE as a beneficiary of your retirement plan is a tax-smart way to donate. Because retirement contributions are often made with before-tax dollars, those assets are taxable when withdrawn.

If passed to heirs in an estate, retirement assets can be subject both to estate and income taxes, which can diminish their value considerably. However, these same assets can fund a charitable gift at a relatively low cost to your estate—typically, such funds pass to WISE outside of probate and free of taxes.

Life Insurance

Life insurance is a straightforward way to support WISE. The most common method—especially if you have a policy your family no longer needs—is to designate WISE the owner of that policy. This option allows an immediate income tax deduction. Or you can simply name WISE as a beneficiary,

