

*Gifts may be made
in numerous ways
and funded with
a variety of assets.
We would be
pleased to discuss
the available options
with you and
your advisors –
in confidence and
without obligation –
to provide assistance
in helping you make
an informed decision.*

About The Cooper Union

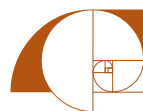
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, established in 1859, is among the nation's oldest and most distinguished institutions of higher learning. Comprised of three schools – the School of Art, the Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture and the Albert Nerken School of Engineering – Cooper Union is ranked among the top specialized institutions in the United States. Admission is based on merit alone and each student receives a full-tuition scholarship.

A national forum for public discourse, arts and culture, Cooper Union's Great Hall was the setting for workers' rights campaigns, the birth of the NAACP, the women's suffrage movement, Volunteers of America, and the American Red Cross. Presidents Lincoln, Grant, Cleveland, Taft, Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt and Bill Clinton have spoken there, and it continues today as a home for public forums, cultural events and community activities.

Peter Cooper's dream to provide talented young people with an education "equal to the best" has been realized. For almost 150 years, Cooper Union has educated artists, architects and engineers who have transformed society, and led the way – and continue to lead the way – in nearly all fields of endeavor. People like inventor Thomas Edison, Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, artist and graphic designer Milton Glaser, architect Daniel Libeskind, painter Palmer Hayden, abstract expressionist Lee Krasner, and artist Alex Katz are among the thousands of its illustrious alumni.

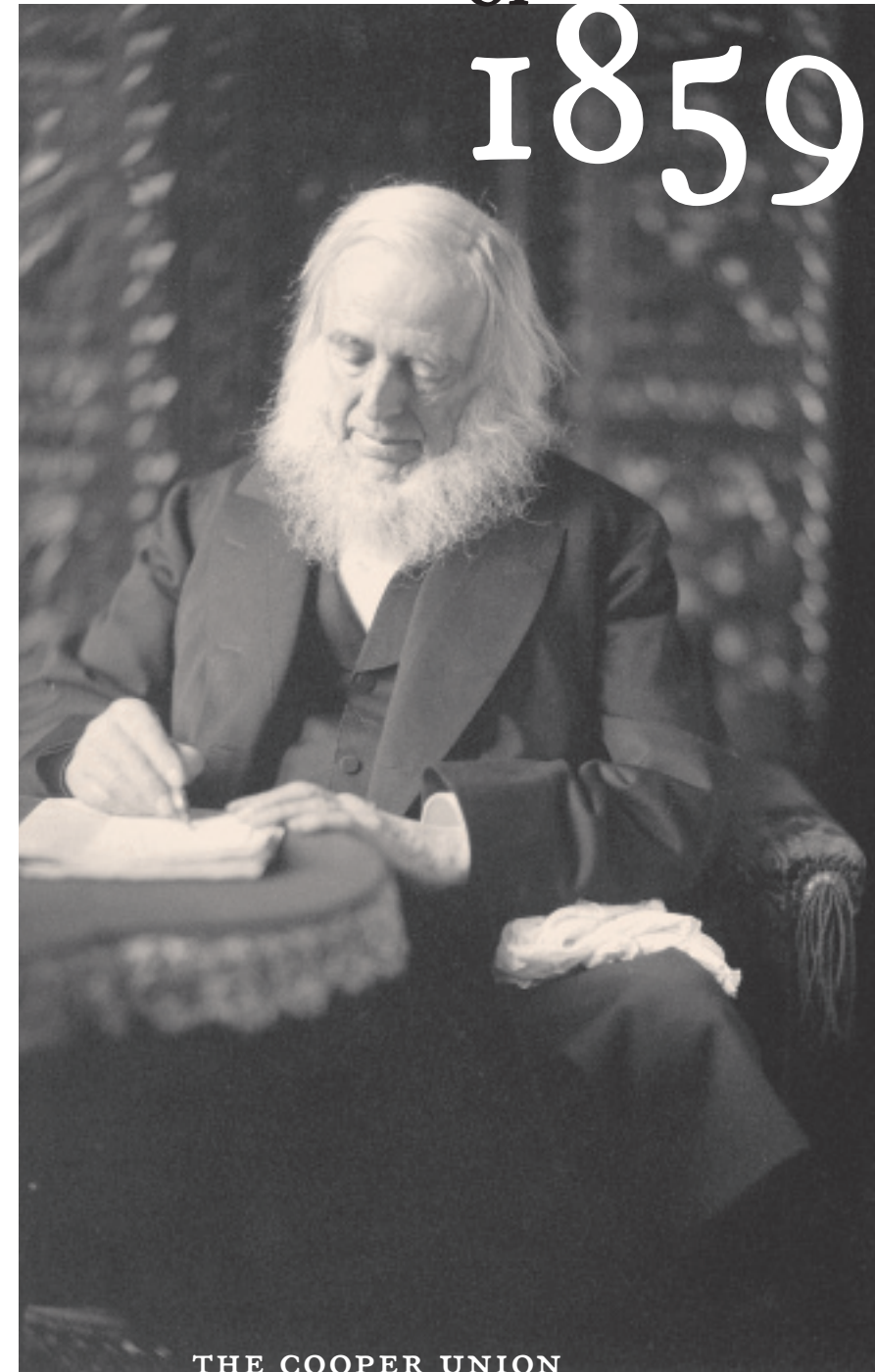
Thanks to thousands of benefactors who, each year, make it possible for supremely talented young people to receive an education of unparalleled quality, The Cooper Union will continue to influence the way we live and work for years to come.

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THE
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When Peter Cooper founded and endowed The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in 1859, he created a lasting memorial to his ideals. His legacy – a free education available to any person solely on the basis of merit – has inspired generations of the school’s friends and alumni to follow his lead. As a result, endowments, bequests and named funds have played an important role throughout the history of Cooper Union, and continue to provide the resources essential to its future.

THE SOCIETY OF 1859

The Society of 1859 is designed to recognize and honor benefactors who have made enduring gifts by including Cooper Union in their financial or estate plans. Through your commitment, you can help make certain that the college will have a financial reserve sufficient to ensure its continued ability to provide full-tuition scholarships for all students.

Benefits To acknowledge your thoughtfulness and generosity, as a member you’ll receive an inscribed certificate and lapel pin, special mention in Cooper Union publications, and an invitation to the Society’s annual dinner. A special memento reflecting the depth and nature of your commitment to the school will also be presented to you.

Criteria for Membership

Whether you’re an individual or an organization, when you contribute to the general endowment of Cooper Union, establish a named endowment fund, or notify the college in writing that you have established a trust, bequest, fund or other permanent gift for Cooper Union, you become eligible for membership. Your planned gift may be for any amount, and your gift may either be unrestricted or designated for a specific program, activity or academic unit.

Ways to Make Your Gift

Membership in *The Society of 1859* is open to those who have made long-range commitments to The Cooper Union. Examples of how the college can be incorporated into your financial and estate planning include:

An outright unrestricted gift to the college’s endowment – the simplest and most popular way to give

Establishment of an endowment fund (with cash or property), to memorialize a loved one, or to identify yourself in perpetuity with a program or project of significance to you

A bequest by will or living trust, through which you can leave an imprint on future generations

The gift of a life insurance policy, whether it’s a policy no longer needed for its original purpose, or a new policy that enables you to make a substantial future gift at a modest annual cost

A gift of retirement plan assets, which may be of very limited value to your heirs, as they may be subject to double taxation

The full or partial gift of a residence, which enjoys special tax treatment under the law

Provision for the future gift of a residence, enabling you to take an income tax deduction now, while continuing to reside in your home

A charitable remainder trust, providing lifetime income for you (or whomever you choose), income and estate tax advantages, and the avoidance of capital gains taxes on highly appreciated property

A charitable lead trust, through which you can shield a family business or other valuable assets from heavy estate taxation

Wording for Bequests

In response to requests for our full legal title and specimen bequest language, the following samples are offered:

Outright Bequest

“I hereby give to The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, located in New York City, ___% of the total value of my estate (or the sum of _____ dollars).”

Specific Bequest

“I hereby give to The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, located in New York City, (insert description of the real or personal property).”

Residuary Bequest

“I hereby give to The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, located in New York City, all (or ___%) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate.”

Contingent Bequest

“If any of the above-named beneficiaries should predecease me, I hereby give his or her share of my estate to The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, located in New York City.”

Named Endowment Fund

“I hereby give to The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, located in New York City, the sum of _____ dollars (or describe the real or personal property) to establish a permanent fund to be known as The _____ Fund, the income of which shall be used for its general purposes (or designate a specific purpose or program).”



LEAVE A LEGACY

The Cooper Union is a participant in Leave A Legacy,™ a nationwide public awareness campaign to underscore the vital role of nonprofit organizations in our society, and the importance of supporting them through estate-planned charitable giving.