

THIRD PARTY DONOR FORM



INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO WILL BODIES OF OTHERS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT FORT WORTH

The Texas laws allow a person of legal age to will his/her body or the body of another person, for whom they are legally responsible, to designated institutions for the advancement of medical science. This is accomplished by signing a donor form in the presence of two witnesses of legal age who must also sign the form.

The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, is one of the member schools designated by the Anatomical Board of the State of Texas to receive willed bodies.

The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth accepts bodies donated by responsible third parties in good faith that the donor has permission to make the donation by other members of the donees immediate family to prevent any misunderstandings. In the event of any dispute by other family members concerning the donation of the body, the donation will be canceled. If the body has already been received by the institution, it will be returned to the family upon their request. However, the receiving institution reserves the right to decide whether the body in question must be cremated prior to being returned.

Enclosed are the forms to be completed. The two copies of the Willed Body form should be signed and dated in the presence of the two witnesses that also sign the documents. Also, please complete the Information for Death Certificate form in order to expedite obtaining a death certificate.

One copy of the Willed Body Form and the Information for Death Certificate Form should be sent to:
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT FORT WORTH

Department of Cell Biology and Genetics
3500 Camp Bowie Boulevard
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Telephone (817) 735-2047 FAX (817) 735-2610

If no answer, after business hours, and holidays, please call (817) 735-2210.

Retain the other copy of the Willed Body Form for the purpose of informing either: family, friends, attorney, physician, minister or other authorized persons.

When death occurs, the hospital or nursing staff in charge of the body, or the family should notify the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, by calling the Department of Cell Biology and Genetics at (817) 735-2047 (M-F, 8-5pm) or the Campus Police Department at (817) 735-2210 (after hours and holidays). Upon receiving notification, the school will make the necessary arrangements for receipt of the body. The following conditions and arrangements are to be met:

1. The institution receiving the body will bear the expenses for preparation of the body including embalming.
2. The institution will bear the transportation cost within Tarrant County. If the deceased is located beyond Tarrant County, transportation costs will be borne by the estate of the deceased. The body must be transported by the mortician service designated by the institution.
3. **The policy of the receiving institution does not allow it to receive willed bodies that have been autopsied, a body that has tuberculosis, syphilis, AIDS or any other communicable disease as determined by a physician.**
4. The institution must be notified within 6 hours of death or the institution will be unable to accept the donation.
5. The policy of the receiving institution is to cremate all bodies before they are returned to the family or interred by the institution. In addition, the receiving institution will charge a cremation fee of \$225.00.