

## Maryland Donor Registry Form

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First Name

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Middle Name

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Last Name

Gender:  Male  Female

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Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

**MD**

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

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License/ID Number (optional)

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Telephone (optional)

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Email (optional)

Your email address will be used only to send you a confirmation of your registration. By completing this registration, I affirm that I am the individual described on this application and that the information entered herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. All information submitted will be kept completely confidential and will only be accessed by Donate Life Maryland professionals. Your information will not be shared, sold or otherwise compromised. This registration will serve as a document of gift as outlined in the Maryland Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. A documentation of gift, not revoked by the registrant before death, is irreversible and does not require the consent of any other person. It also authorizes any examination necessary to ensure the medical acceptability of the anatomical gift. I give my permission for my information, changes or deletions to be entered into the Maryland Donor Registry.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### To register your wishes, mail, email or fax registration form to:

Donate Life Maryland  
1730 Twin Springs Road, Suite 200  
Baltimore, Maryland 21227  
Email: [info@DonateLifeMaryland.org](mailto:info@DonateLifeMaryland.org)  
Fax: 410-242-1871  
[www.DonateLifeMaryland.org](http://www.DonateLifeMaryland.org)

### For more information, please contact:

#### Donate Life Maryland

1-866-MD-Donor  
[www.DonateLifeMaryland.org](http://www.DonateLifeMaryland.org)  
[Facebook.com/DonateLifeMaryland](https://www.facebook.com/DonateLifeMaryland)  
[Twitter.com/DonateLifeMD](https://twitter.com/DonateLifeMD)

#### The Living Legacy Foundation of Maryland

410-242-7000 or 1-800-641-Hero  
[www.thellf.org](http://www.thellf.org)  
[Facebook.com/TheLLF](https://www.facebook.com/TheLLF)  
[Twitter.com/TheLLF](https://twitter.com/TheLLF)

#### Washington Regional Transplant Community

703-641-0100 or 1-866-Be-A-Donor  
[www.beadonor.org](http://www.beadonor.org)  
[Facebook.com/BeADonor](https://www.facebook.com/BeADonor)  
[Twitter.com/BeA\\_Donor](https://twitter.com/BeA_Donor)

**Be one. Save many.**



Register as an organ, eye and tissue donor.



For Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration information, visit: [www.MVA.Maryland.gov](http://www.MVA.Maryland.gov)

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# YOU HAVE THE POWER TO DONATE LIFE

Donation saves lives. Learn more about how you can register as an organ, eye and tissue donor.



[www.DonateLifeMaryland.org](http://www.DonateLifeMaryland.org)



[www.DonateLifeMaryland.org/espanol](http://www.DonateLifeMaryland.org/espanol)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What does it mean to register as a organ, eye and tissue donor at the MVA?

You are joining the official Maryland Donor Registry. This allows Maryland residents to register their authorization to donate all or specific organs and tissues upon their death. As of October 1, 2015, you have the choice to display the heart symbol noting your donor registration on your license.

### Can my family override my decision to donate?

Your donor designation grants authorization for organ, eye and tissue recovery for transplantation, research or therapy. Should you be in the position to donate, your next of kin will be presented with documentation of your registration but will not have the power to override your decision.

### Who can be an organ, eye and tissue donor?

Everyone is considered a potential donor regardless of age or pre-existing medical condition. Each potential organ, eye and tissue donor is evaluated on an individual basis for suitability.

### Can I specify organs/tissues that can be transplanted or used for research?

If you sign up at the MVA, your drivers license number acts as your Registration ID number. At any time, you may visit

[www.DonateLifeMaryland.org](http://www.DonateLifeMaryland.org), enter your login information, click on Update Your Donation Wishes and specify donation limitations.

### At what age can someone register as a donor?

The official Maryland Donor Registry allows Maryland residents who are at least 18 years of age to register their authorization to donate all or specific organs and tissues upon their death. Minors between the ages of 13 and 17 can join the Maryland Donor Registry, but until the designated donor is 18 years old, parents or a legal guardian will make the final decision about organ, eye and tissue donation at the appropriate time.

### Does my registration grant consent for whole body donation?

Donate Life Maryland facilitates deceased organ, eye and tissue donation - this is different from whole body donation. While it is possible to be both an organ, eye and tissue donor and whole body donor, there are separate organizations that exist to support whole body donor programs.

## You have the power to Donate Life.

As a donor, you can save and enhance the lives of more than 50 people. Donated organs and tissue may include the following:

### Organs

*Heart  
Intestines  
Kidneys  
Liver  
Lungs  
Pancreas*

### Tissue

*Bones  
Corneas  
Heart Valves  
Skin  
Tendons  
Veins*

## Get the Facts

Organ, eye and tissue donation is an important decision and it helps to know the facts.

**FACT:** If you are sick or injured, the primary duty of emergency responders and hospital staff is to save your life. Your donor designation NEVER interferes with your medical care.

**FACT:** The medical team involved in the organ donation process is completely separate from hospital staff working to save someone's life in the emergency room.

**FACT:** Organ and tissue donation is only discussed with the family after a patient has been declared dead.

**FACT:** Anyone can be an organ donor regardless of age, race or medical history.

**FACT:** All major religions support organ, eye and tissue donation and see it as the ultimate act of charity.

**FACT:** When patients are on the waiting list for an organ transplant, their position on that list is based on the severity of their illness, time spent waiting, blood type and other important medical information. Social and financial status are never a factor in this process.

**FACT:** An open casket funeral is possible for organ, eye and tissue donors. Through the entire donation process, the body is treated with care, dignity and respect.

**FACT:** In the United States, it is illegal to buy or sell organs or tissue for transplantation.

**FACT:** There is no cost to the donor's family or estate for donation. The donor family only pays for medical expenses before death and costs associated with funeral arrangements.

### It's about living. It's about life.

Organ, eye and tissue transplants offer patients a new chance at healthy, productive and normal lives and return them to their families, friends and communities. Transplantation is one of the most remarkable success stories in the history of medicine. It provides hope to thousands of people with organ failure. In addition, transplanted tissue offers hundred of thousands of people active and renewed lives. But transplantation requires the commitment of organ, eye and tissue donors. Unfortunately, the need for donors is much greater than the number of people who actually donate.

### The Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation Awareness Fund

When you renew or apply for a new Maryland driver's license or state identification card, you have the opportunity to contribute in dollar increments to the Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation Awareness Fund. These charitable contributions are used to help promote public education and awareness regarding the importance of organ, eye and tissue donation. The Fund also helps maintain the official Maryland Donor Registry. Want to do more? We welcome financial and social support via our website at [www.DonateLifeMaryland.org](http://www.DonateLifeMaryland.org).