

## Register as an Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor

First Name Middle Name

Last Name

Date of Birth

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ X

License/ID Number/Last 4 of SSN for registration

Address

MD

City State Zip Code

Telephone (optional)

Email

Signature

Date

Your email address will be used only to send you a confirmation of your registration. By completing this registration as an organ, eye and tissue donor, 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.

To register, send your completed form via mail, or email to:

Donate Life Maryland  
1730 Twin Springs Road, Suite 200  
Baltimore, Maryland 21227  
Email: [info@DonateLifeMaryland.org](mailto:info@DonateLifeMaryland.org)

For more information, please contact:

### Donate Life Maryland

1-866-MD-Donor  
[www.DonateLifeMaryland.org](http://www.DonateLifeMaryland.org)  
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### Infinite Legacy

1730 Twin Springs Rd. Suite 200  
Baltimore, MD 21227  
410-242-7000  
800-641-4376 (HERO)  
[InfiniteLegacy.org](http://InfiniteLegacy.org)

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For Maryland Department of Transportation  
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

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

For more information visit:



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



## 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, eyes and tissues, upon their death. As of October 1, 2015, Marylanders also have the choice to display the heart symbol noting your donor registration on your license. As of July 1, 2022 you also have the choice to register to donate your organs for research and education. Anyone registered prior to July 1, 2022 are registered as transplantation and therapy only. For more information visit [www.DonateLifeMaryland.org](http://www.DonateLifeMaryland.org).

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

Your donor registration grants authorization for organ, eye and tissue recovery. Should donation be possible, your next of kin will be presented with documentation of your registration but will not be able to override your decision. Our dedicated staff will provide ongoing support to your next of kin throughout the donation process.

### Who can register as 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, eyes and tissues that can be transplanted or used for research, education or therapy?

At any time, you may visit [www.DonateLifeMaryland.org](http://www.DonateLifeMaryland.org), select Update Your Donation Wishes, enter your login information and specify donation limitations. If you sign up at the MVA, your driver's license or ID number acts as your Registration ID.

### 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, eyes and tissues upon their death. Minors between the ages of 13 and 17 can join the Maryland Donor Registry, but until the person 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. Our representatives can provide additional resources regarding these organizations.

## You have the power to Donate Life.

As a donor, you can save and enhance the lives of more than 75 people.

Donated organs, eyes and tissue may include the following:

<i>Heart</i>	<i>Bones</i>
<i>Intestines</i>	<i>Corneas</i>
<i>Kidneys</i>	<i>Heart Valves</i>
<i>Liver</i>	<i>Skin</i>
<i>Lungs</i>	<i>Tendons</i>
<i>Pancreas</i>	<i>Veins</i>

### 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 hundreds 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).

## 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 registration NEVER interferes with your medical care.

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

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

**FACT:** Anyone can register as an organ, eye and tissue donor regardless of age or medical history.

**FACT:** Organ, eye and tissue donation is consistent with the beliefs of most major religions.

**FACT:** A national computer system and strict standards are in place to ensure ethical and fair distribution of organs. Organs are matched by blood and tissue typing, organ size, medical urgency, waiting time and geographic location.

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

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

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