



SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Invest in the Future

A scholarship fund helps local students reach their potential and gives you an opportunity to memorialize a special person, encourage students in a particular field of study, or support students graduating from or going to your favorite school.

Design Your Impact

When you establish a scholarship fund, we'll provide expert guidance on designing the criteria that will meet your personal goals. That may mean helping students with financial need, rewarding merit, or recognizing extracurricular commitment.

Use the worksheet on the back to help you consider what your scholarship will look like.

How it Works

GIVE

Establish your fund with a minimum of \$15,000 and receive an immediate federal income tax deduction.

GROW

Contribute to your fund -- and ultimately the scholarships from it -- at any time. Endowed funds are invested for long-term growth.

GRANT

Scholarships are paid directly to the school that the recipient is attending. If renewable, we'll confirm eligibility annually.

*Connecting people who care
with causes that matter*



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Ways to Give

The Community Foundation is poised to accept a wide range of assets to grow your fund and your impact:

- Cash
- Securities and other appreciated assets
- Estate or trust
- IRA
- Life insurance policy
- Grain or other property

Scholarship Planning Worksheet



Consider the following when exploring what you'd like your scholarship fund to achieve:

What motivates you to create this fund?

What is a meaningful, but realistic, amount you would like your fund to award as scholarship(s)?

Do you wish to support a student graduating from a specific high school or geographic area?

Will the student attend a specific college or university?

Will they pursue a specific course of study or career?

Think about the ideal student you'd like to support. Check the boxes next to their characteristics and add notes to specify further details.

Financial Need

Involved in community or volunteer activities

High Merit

Proficient in a particular area like art, math, or music

Participate in extracurriculars

Specific age, gender, or culture (within legal boundaries)

Other (write your own ideas):



Contact Us to Explore Your Vision

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