

Scholarship Funds

Through a scholarship fund at Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, you make the dream of higher education a reality for students. Community Foundation of the Lowcountry works with you to establish the scholarship that achieves your unique charitable goals.

Getting started is easy

A scholarship fund is a personalized fund you create to help others advance their education. With the assistance of our staff, you determine scholarship guidelines, including eligibility criteria, award amount, and selection committee.

It takes just \$5,000 to open your endowed scholarship fund. As a benefit to our donors, your scholarship can be part of our general online scholarship application that allows students to fill out one application for many of our scholarship funds.

Scholarship funds are an ideal choice if you want to help students achieve their educational goals. Key benefits include:

Simplicity

You determine the scholarship purpose and selection criteria and we manage the details and administrative paperwork to ensure that awards are disbursed on time and in accordance with the process you identify.

Flexibility

Make additional gifts to your fund at any time. The Community Foundation can accept gifts of many types of assets, including cash, stock, real estate, mutual funds, and closely held business interests. Your fund will only award scholarships to eligible recipients, selected by the committee you designate. This ensures that your giving goals and educational priorities are met.

Personalize it

Your fund is established according to your values and goals – from the eligibility requirements to the award purpose – you create the criteria and guidelines. Scholarships are often created in honor or in memory of a loved one.

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Efficiency

We handle the administrative tasks of your fund from keeping track of your gifts and awards to contacting recipients and their schools, all for a competitive administrative fee. Each year our staff coordinates the scholarship application, recipient selection, and payment process in its entirety.

Consider a scholarship if you:

- Seek simplicity and ease in your giving
- Want to support educational opportunities, an educational institution, or a course of study
- Want to be engaged in your philanthropy by creating guidelines and eligibility for recipients
- Want to honor or memorialize a loved one
- Wish to create a legacy of generosity toward educational endeavors
- Choose to invest in the future of our community by offering students the support they need to achieve their educational goals.

To establish a scholarship fund, call our office at 843.681.9100.