

Scholarship Funds

Investing in deserving students

Scholarship



In creating a Scholarship, you invest in your community's future and show students you care. Your community foundation provides the expertise to help you meet your personal goals and awards Scholarships to deserving students. Your gift can help students—from preschool to postgraduate—achieve their lifetime dreams.

How it works

- You make a gift to your community foundation—you can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets. (\$10,000 minimum)
- We set up a Scholarship in your name, in the name of your family or business, or in honor of any person or organization you choose.
- You receive tax benefits in the year your gift is made.
- Our professional program staff helps you to determine eligibility requirements for the Scholarship you establish—whether they are based on a student's field of study, academic achievements, extracurricular activities, financial need, background, or geography.
- We handle all the administrative details—and award Scholarships to deserving students in the name of the fund you establish.
- You receive updates on the impact your gift is making in our community.
- Your gift can be placed into an endowment that is invested over time. Earnings from your fund are used to make grants addressing community needs. Your gift—and all future earnings from your gift—is a permanent source of community capital, helping to do good work forever.

Valuing education

A few years into a comfortable retirement, Mr.and Mrs. Buddy Wallin, both former teachers, realized how much they missed making a difference in the lives of students. "For both of us, education was not only a profession—it was a calling," says Buddy. Looking for a way to stay involved, the Wallins started two Scholarship funds. They wanted Scholarships made in their name as well as Athalene's mom and dad.

"The community foundation helped us create our legacy. It's a wonderful feeling to let students know we still care," says Buddy. Over the years, the Athalene and Buddy Wallin Scholarship and the Gladys and Dolphus Cornett Scholarship funds have provided thousands of dollars to numerous students pursuing higher education.

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Ten reasons people choose to give through community foundations

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We are a **local organization** with deep roots in the community.

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Our professional program staff has **broad expertise** regarding community issues and needs.

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We provide highly **personalized service** tailored to each individual's charitable and financial interests.

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Our funds help people **invest in the causes** they care about most.

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We accept a wide **variety of assets**, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.

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We partner with **professional advisors** to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

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We offer maximum **tax advantage** for most gifts under federal law.

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We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.

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We build **endowment funds** that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.

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We are a **community leader**, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.

More benefits

You can create a Scholarship as a memorial to someone special, selecting eligibility criteria that exemplify that person's goals and values. Or, you may use it to express your educational values—or those of your family or business. Depending on your preferences, the Scholarship you establish can support any area of academic need, including tuition, room and board, and books. Our program staff tracks performance to ensure students continue to meet the terms for Scholarship support.

If the Scholarship you establish is renewable, you can review updated information on the progress of recipients over the years. You may even elect to meet these students—something many donors find rewarding.

Community foundations provide a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving. We offer a variety of giving tools to help people achieve their charitable goals.

You can make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, or other assets to your community foundation. Most charitable gifts qualify for maximum tax advantage under federal law. For more information and ideas on ways to integrate your financial planning with charitable giving, ask your financial advisor or contact your community foundation.

For more information on how the Hamilton Community Foundation can help you with your charitable giving contact Katie Braswell, vice president at, (513) 863-1717 or kbraswell@hamiltonfoundation.org.