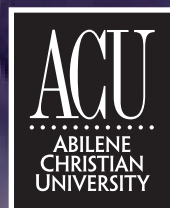


Scholarships



Establishing a scholarship fund is one of the most enduring and enterprising ways you or your organization can make a difference in the lives of students at Abilene Christian University.

Today's students are tomorrow's servant leaders, and your investment in them through scholarships will pay the highest of dividends.

Approximately 96 percent of ACU's entering freshmen receive some form of financial aid.

Your financial support of the ACU scholarship program will enable the university to keep its commitment to accessibility and affordability for students who choose ACU, regardless of their financial circumstances.

It also will enable us to offer an aggressive schedule of academic and leadership scholarships to ensure ACU will always be able to compete for the top students who have limitless potential.

THANK YOU!

Geoff Carroll ('04)
Major: Youth and Family
Ministry

"My father is a minister, and my mother is a homemaker. With six other siblings, college would be out of the question if it were not for scholarships. I thank the Lord for your giving spirit."



Leslie Pickett ('04)
Majors: Biology and Molecular
Biochemistry

"My scholarship not only provides financial assistance, it also allows me to attend a great university where everyone truly cares about you. Thank you."



Josh Becera ('03)
Major: Management

"I am the first Becera to graduate from college. This scholarship has helped my financial situation, and it has helped me see the blessings from God more clearly. I hope someday I will be able to help others."



THE BENEFACTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

"I have been reading the letters from the scholarship recipients... It's a good feeling to know I'm helping these young people."

Virginia Heacock
Houston, Texas

"Although, quite frankly, the scholarship fund bearing our names was created at some significant personal sacrifice at the time it was established in 1986, it gives us great pleasure to know that worthy young people are benefiting from the 'ACU experience.' As one who works in the field of investments, I can say without hesitation that the investment we have made in ACU students has provided the highest return over the years."

Linda and George Offutt
Horseshoe Bay, Texas

You, too, can touch the lives of countless students through scholarships.

Invest in the future!
Phone 325-674-2013



Development Office

ACU Box 29134, Abilene, Texas 79699-9134

NAMING A SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship fund may be named after the donor(s), in memory of a friend or family member, in honor of an individual or an organization, or in other creative ways.

ANNUAL AND ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

An individual or organization can create an **annual scholarship** fund at ACU by contributing a specific sum each year for the purpose stipulated in the fund agreement. The entire gift, or any portion of it, is awarded annually to one or more qualifying ACU students. Should a lapse in funding occur, the scholarship may be renewed by the donor at any point in the next five years.

A permanent or **endowed scholarship** fund can be established at ACU with minimum funding of \$10,000. If the fund is restricted for specific majors or other similar qualifications, it must be funded at a minimum \$25,000 level before scholarships are awarded.

These funds are placed into the university's endowment and invested by ACU's Investment Committee under the direction of the Board of Trustees. Each year, a percentage of the fund's earnings is awarded to qualifying students. New endowed funds must be invested for a minimum of one fiscal year before the earnings will be made available for its first award.

The remainder of the fund's total annual earnings is reinvested in the fund, allowing it to grow over time and generate increased income in the future.

An endowed scholarship will last forever at ACU, benefitting students for future generations.

FINANCING AN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

An endowed scholarship can be established by an outright gift of cash, a gift of securities or real estate, a bequest, a planned gift such as a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust, or a combination of giving methods.

ACU will work with you to create a scholarship fund that will benefit students according to the provisions of the fund agreement and also meet your financial situation.





- Continued involvement and connections with the ACU family and through a gift that will continue to give beyond your lifetime
- Substantial tax savings through charitable giving

TAKING THE FIRST STEP

There are many ways to touch lives and invest in the future through student scholarships. You may take the first step by calling 325-674-2013 to discuss establishing a scholarship fund at ACU or to contribute to an existing fund.

SELECTING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

As founder of a scholarship fund, you will determine the general criteria by which recipients are selected by the university. These may include a particular college, department or program of study; student classification; academic merit; financial need; and any other characteristics that are priorities for your goals.

Our staff will work with you to establish the criteria and will draft a formal Scholarship Agreement for your approval and signature. This memo of understanding allows the university to administer the fund according to your plans.

Scholarship funds are awarded through the Student Financial Services Office according to the provisions of the fund agreements.

BENEFACTOR BENEFITS

- Knowledge that you are touching the lives of current ACU students
- Knowledge that you have invested in the future through the lives of scholarship recipients
- A meaningful tribute to the scholarship's namesake
- Annual reports from the Stewardship Office
- Opportunity to communicate with and meet scholarship recipients

