

By establishing a Scholarship Fund at the Foundation, you are investing in your community's future by helping students pursue their educational dreams. Our staff provides the expertise to help you create a fund that meets your personal goals, and our experience in managing scholarships will allow you to enjoy helping students while leaving the details to us.

GETTING STARTED IS EASY

With the assistance of our staff, you determine the eligibility criteria, field of study, award amount, and choice of institutions – from trade schools and community colleges to 4-year universities. Depending on the degree to which you'd like to be involved, you may even choose to be a part of the selection committee.

You may use cash, stock, or other appreciated assets to create your Scholarship Fund and qualify for an immediate income tax deduction in the year the gift is made. The Foundation's staff will publicize the scholarship, guide the selection process, and send the award(s) to the educational institution the recipients choose to attend.

KEY BENEFITS

Scholarship Funds are an ideal choice if you want to make education accessible to students who need help to reach their goals. Key benefits include:

EASE

You determine your scholarship's 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 have identified and IRS rules.

FLEXIBILITY

You can add to your fund anytime – either during your lifetime or through a gift in your estate plan or will. Your fund will award scholarships only to eligible recipients, according to the criteria you establish.

PERSONALIZED SERVICE

Your fund is created according to your values and goals. From the eligibility requirements to the award purpose, you create the selection criteria. You may choose to create the scholarship in honor or memory of a loved one.

EFFICIENCY

We handle the administrative tasks of your fund each year, from keeping track of your gifts and awards to contacting recipients and their schools – all for a competitive support fee. The annual Support Fee is the greater of \$500 or 3.5% of the fund's balance for expendable funds and 2.5% for endowed funds. Your scholarship will be accessible to students via *AcademicWorks*, an online tool through the Foundation's website that helps match eligible recipients with scholarship opportunities.

CONSIDER A SCHOLARSHIP FUND IF YOU:

- Seek simplicity and ease in achieving your charitable goals.
- Want to support educational opportunities, a specific course of study or a particular type of student.
- Want to be engaged in your philanthropy by creating guidelines and eligibility criteria for award 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.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU!

Learn more about the Foundation and Scholarship Funds by visiting us online at www.sacrepcf.org, in person at 955 University Avenue, Suite A in Sacramento, or by calling us at (916) 921-7723.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the minimum gift requirement to establish a Scholarship Fund?

You can open your fund for a minimum donation of \$25,000.

What is the difference between an *endowed* scholarship and an *expendable* scholarship?

With an *endowed* scholarship, your donation – or principal – is invested in perpetuity. You will be able to use 4% of the funds balance each year to award scholarships to deserving students. For example, a \$100,000 endowment would generate about \$4,000 a year in scholarship awards. With investment growth, the amount available each year will grow over time, adding to your legacy of generosity.

If you prefer to give larger scholarship awards in the near term, an *expendable* scholarship fund may be a better choice. In that case, you can give awards in any amount that you prefer each year until you grant out all of the funds. You may make additional donations to the fund at any time and your scholarship account will stay open as long as you maintain a balance of \$500.

Can I set the eligibility requirements for my Scholarship Fund?

Yes. We will work with you to create scholarship guidelines that meet your personal goals for giving. With our experience in managing scholarships, we can help you create a fund that is specific enough to honor your values, but broad enough to attract a competitive pool of applicants. An example of a broad criteria would be, “financially needy students in the Sacramento region”, while a more specific one would be, “freshman students attending a CSU campus and majoring in engineering”. Other criteria to consider are:

- Financial need
- GPA or academic merit
- Field of study or major
- Class year(s) – undergraduate or postgraduate
- Graduates of a specific high school or program
- Institution of attendance or class of institution (two-year, four-year, trade school)
- Geographic region
- Special circumstances (e.g., foster youth, veteran/dependent, unusual life situation)
- Essay – general or on a specific topic

How does the Foundation determine if a student has financial need?

If financial need is important to you, we can require students to include a copy of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the application. The FAFSA shows the student’s household income and unmet need based on the actual cost of attending their chosen institution. Students also have the opportunity to explain special circumstances affecting their financial situation (such as a parent being laid off since the FAFSA was filed).

Can I select the students who receive my scholarship?

Part of our role is to make sure that your scholarship follows the IRS rules for charitable giving, especially when the gifts are meant to help an individual rather than a nonprofit organization. For a scholarship award to qualify as a charitable activity, the IRS requires that there be a large pool of applicants and a selection process to make the award competitive. The good news is that the IRS will allow you to participate as a member of the selection committee, as long as you or your chosen committee members together do not have a controlling vote. At each annual meeting of your selection committee, all members will be asked to disclose any relationship or conflict of interest they might have with the applicants under review.

My organization has always formed its own committee to select scholarships. Can’t we continue to do that?

Yes, we welcome outside committees. We simply ask that you submit nomination forms for proposed committee members so that our staff can review and approve them.

What is the Foundation’s fee for managing my Scholarship Fund?

Our annual Support Fee for scholarships is competitive, and varies depending on the degree of involvement required on our part. The annual support fee is the greater of \$500 or 2.5% for endowed funds and 3.5% for expendable funds.

Once I have established my Scholarship Fund, what is the process?

December	Awards cycle begins	The Foundation announces the opening of the application period and available scholarships for the coming academic year on www.sacregcf.org .
March	Application period	The Foundation receives all applications submitted through the advertised deadlines and conducts a preliminary review for eligibility and completeness. Scholarship Selection Committees are formed and approved for each scholarship, with a minimum of 3 members per committee. By IRS regulations, donors may constitute no more than 50% of a committee.
March–May	Selection process	Committee members receive application docket for review and scoring. The committee meets and reaches consensus on recipients, then recommends number/size of awards based on funds available. The Foundation notifies award recipients and also informs students who were not selected.
May–October	Awards issued	Upon verification of enrollment, scholarship checks are issued to the students' institutions. If awards are to be paid in installments or renewed, the Foundation confirms that students continue to meet eligibility requirements before subsequent payments are released.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AS OF 1/1/22

AIA Central Valley/John Ellis Architectural Scholarship Fund
 Art Savage Scholarship Fund
 Benny Goodman Foundation
 Bryan Potts Scholarship Fund
 California Capital Airshow Scholarship Fund
 Carroylin and Robert Threlkel Scholarship Fund
 College Horizons Endowed Fund
 College Horizons Fund
 Dan Carpenter Scholarship for Music Composition
 David K. & Susan Murphy Scholarship Fund
 Diane Dawson Memorial Managed Fund
 Dillard-Jackson Family Scholarship Fund
 Dimick Scholarship Fund
 Doris L. Miller Nursing Scholarship Fund
 Dreier Family Scholarship
 Emergency Scholarship Fund of the Sacramento
 Region Community Foundation
 Erin Aaberg Givans Memorial Scholarship
 Eugene and Thora Chin Scholarship Fund
 Father Leo McAllister Scholarship Fund
 Father Leo McAllister Scholarship Fund Two
 Frank H. Buck Scholarship Fund

Graydon & Myrth Fox Scholarship Fund
 H. Ernest & Helen L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Helen Nash Scholarship
 Helping Hand Fund
 James McClatchy 25-Year Club Scholarship Fund
 Joyce and Dalton Feldstein Memorial Fund
 Kristi Karacozoff Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Mark McCollum Ride-on Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Mark Murray and Susan Cady Scholarship
 Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Colley, Sr. Fund
 Nancy B. Reardan Scholarship Fund
 Pacific Coast Building Products Scholarship Fund
 Paulsen Family Scholarship Fund
 Philip M. Dowd Fund
 Ramona Burham Scholarship Foundation
 Raymond Nelson Scholarship Fund
 Sarah A. Bonnifield Vietnam Veterans Scholarship Fund
 Spaans Family Scholarship
 Stolba/Sukkary Family Scholarship
 Sutter Health System Managed Advised Fund
 SVVMA Charitable Giving Committee Student Scholarship
 Van R. Johnson Sutter Scholars Program
 Walter & Mae Tyer Fund



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