

# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Scholarship Funds

The Community Foundation can assist individuals, families, and businesses who wish to make a lasting impact with a simple yet powerful way to provide scholarships to help young people. With your support, youth can achieve their dreams of higher education.

Scholarships have a significant impact on the students who receive them by helping them seize an educational opportunity that can set them on a path to independence and success. With a scholarship, many students are able to achieve their dreams. The Community Foundation annually awards more than \$400,000 in scholarships.

Scholarship Funds at The Community Foundation offer interested donors an opportunity to create a meaningful way to help aspiring students in SLO County achieve their goals of higher education. Donors can shape a scholarship to:

- memorialize a loved one, honor a special person's accomplishments, or celebrate a lifetime of achievement
- provide financial assistance to students without the financial resources necessary to go to college
- encourage pursuit in a field of study and
- recognize certain characteristics, such as leadership and community service efforts of young people within a community.

Scholarships are usually awarded in the spring.



## Award Criteria

The Community Foundation's staff are experienced at designing scholarship criteria that meet a donor's goals. Current scholarships benefit students with interests from the arts, agriculture, ballet, and law to nursing, science, viticulture and beyond. Scholarships are frequently designed to help fund students based on academic achievement, area of study, financial need, high school attended, leadership, special needs or circumstances, or different criteria chosen by the donor.

## Award Amount

The donor may work with The Community Foundation's staff to determine fund value, how long the fund will last, the size of each scholarship, the number of scholarships awarded in a given year, or ways to assist students in covering costs beyond tuition.

## Name the Fund

A fund agreement defines the name, purpose, criteria, and amount of the scholarship.

For more information please reach out to our Foundation staff at the phone number and website below. We look forward to working with you.