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Throughout the history of Abilene Christian University, we have welcomed students based on their talent and academic potential. And when they graduate, these students are prepared to fulfill ACU's mission by serving and leading throughout the world.

Because of the rising costs of higher education, there are many students who have the dream, talent and commitment to receive a Christian education at ACU, but they lack the financial resources to turn their aspirations into realities. For these students endowed scholarships can create life-changing opportunities.

Increasing the size of existing scholarships and creating new endowed scholarships is critical to ensuring ACU's ability to continue to attract high-performing students, offer a diverse learning community, and reduce the amount of debt students carry after graduation.

Generous donations toward endowed scholarships are invested in the university's endowment and each year, earnings from these scholarship endowments provide direct financial resources to students. Funding an endowed scholarship creates enduring tuition support and opportunities for talented students with financial need. Named endowed scholarships can be established with a minimum gift of \$25,000, and they last the life of Abilene Christian, making them true investments in ACU and future generations of students.





“I am forever grateful for this opportunity. Thank you to my donors, and I promise that you didn't waste a single cent on me.”

– DE'ANDRE BROWN ('18)  
Kinesiology



“I'm so thankful for my donors and all that they do. I hope I am someday able to give back to the university in the same way.”

– LAUREN SKELTON ('17)  
Biology

## Establishing an endowed scholarship

A named endowed scholarship fund can be established with a minimum funding level of \$25,000. If you would like to further direct the scholarship for specific majors or other similar qualifications, then there is a minimum funding level of \$50,000.

Once donated, your scholarship funds are placed into the university's endowment and are managed by ACU's award-winning investment team. Each year, a percentage of your scholarship fund's earnings will then be awarded to qualifying students.

New endowed funds must be invested for a minimum of one year before the earnings are made available. This way, the funds grow over time and generate greater income for distribution in each successive year. To find out more about established scholarships, contact The ACU Office of Gift Planning.

## Supporting established scholarships and the general scholarship fund

Gifts at any level can be directed to established, endowed scholarships or the university's general scholarship fund. Over the years, hundreds of scholarships have been established for specific majors or areas of study. Additionally, each year the General Scholarship Fund helps provide financial aid packages for students across ACU. Gifts and support of the General Scholarship Fund are always needed and appreciated. To find out more about established scholarships, contact The ACU Office of Gift Planning.



## Funding options for scholarships

A variety of options are available to generous donors interested in establishing a scholarship. An endowed scholarship can be established by gifts of cash, stock/securities or real estate.

Donors also can elect to fund scholarships through provisions in their will or other estate-planning documents. Memorial scholarships and estate bequests are a great way to honor family members and directly support students at ACU.

Planned gifts, such as a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust, are also regularly utilized to provide life income for donors and to also fund scholarships after death.

Each of these giving methods can be used individually, or in combination, to establish and fund ACU scholarships. For more information, please contact The ACU Office of Gift Planning.

## Selecting scholarship recipients

As the creator of a fund, you can determine the general criteria ACU uses to select the scholarship recipients. These may include a particular college, department or program of study, academic merit and other characteristics or priorities.

Our staff will work with you to establish the criteria and will draft a formal scholarship agreement for your approval and signature. This Memorandum of Understanding allows the university to administer the fund according to your plans.

### For more information, please contact:

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