

Building a Legacy at St. John Fisher College

Establishing an Endowed Scholarship

*A*s the cost of living and college expenses continue to rise, scholarship assistance is increasingly becoming a vital element to students who are committed to completing their higher education at St. John Fisher College.

Today, nearly 95% of first-year students attending Fisher receive some form of financial assistance. As state and federal appropriations for tuition assistance diminish, students find it increasingly difficult to meet their tuition expenses. Private scholarships account for more than \$1.4 million in scholarship aid available to undergraduate and graduate Fisher students.

Creating an endowed scholarship at St. John Fisher College is one of the most generous and meaningful ways to ensure students at Fisher receive a quality education.

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Endowed scholarship funds are started with a gift commitment of \$20,000 or more and can be given in one installment, annually up to five years, or through a donor's will or estate. Additional gifts can be made to the endowed fund at any time which will result in an increase in income generated for funds available for scholarships. St. John Fisher College has 501(c)(3) non-profit tax exempt status, so your gift(s) to your endowed fund may provide you with federal and state income tax benefits.

A scholarship can be named in honor or memory of an individual. The donor may work with the College to establish a particular set of criteria for student recipients to embody.

The criteria used for scholarships may include:

- Grade Point Average minimums
- Academic status (undergraduate, graduate or doctoral)
- Geographic location
- Financial need
- Areas of academic study (student's major or minor)
- Involvement in community service or extracurricular activities
- Others, as set forth by the donor

What is an Endowed Scholarship?

An endowed scholarship provides a permanent and personal way for you to make a significant difference in the life of a St. John Fisher College student. With this type of gift you are able to link your legacy or your corporation with the future of the College for decades to come.

Your gift to establish a scholarship is perpetually invested in the College's endowment. The income generated is awarded as scholarship money.

One of the most valuable gifts you can give is the gift of an education.

Join the many businesses, organizations, individuals and families who have committed to helping thousands of students achieve their goals.



Benefits of Having an Endowed Scholarship

There are many wonderful benefits and recognition opportunities for those that have established an endowed scholarship at St. John Fisher College, including:

- Perpetuate your vision or mission
- Help students at Fisher achieve their dream of a quality higher education
- The opportunity to attend the annual scholarship recognition dinner and meet the scholarship recipients
- Receive a personalized annual report summarizing your scholarship fund
- Inclusion in the College's scholarship catalog
- Receive federal, state income tax benefits from your donation, if applicable
- Leave a lasting legacy with a nationally-recognized college institution



To learn how you can set up your endowed scholarship today, please contact the Development Office at St. John Fisher College:

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