



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
OSHKOSH

SCHOLARSHIPS

ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP AT
THE UW OSHKOSH FOUNDATION

Scholarship contributions are an investment in the future. By supporting Titans in their pursuit of higher learning, you give students the opportunity to fulfill their dreams and achieve their career goals. More than 70 percent of UWO students need financial support—and your gift could make the difference in whether or not a student can attend UW Oshkosh.



ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

An endowed scholarship fund ensures students will benefit from a donor's generosity for generations to come. The principal of an endowed fund is conserved perpetually, with only the earnings used to fund awards, providing a lasting legacy for donors.

- Current minimum is \$25,000 (must be reached within four years)
- Additional contributions may be made at any time, in any amount
- Fund must accumulate earnings before the scholarship can be awarded. Donors may supplement with an additional gift to fund the award immediately or when earnings are not sufficient.
- Fund/scholarship exists indefinitely
- Administrative fee: currently 2.5%
- Earnings above fees/awards remain in the fund



NON-ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

A non-endowed scholarship can be funded through an annual contribution or with a one-time contribution that is spent down over time. The entire balance of a non-endowed fund is available to award and when the fund is depleted, the award is discontinued.

- Minimum award amount is \$250; must commit to funding the award for at least three years
- Additional contributions may be made at any time, in any amount
- Foundation must receive award funding before the scholarship is advertised for applications
- Award ceases when fund is depleted
- Administrative fee: currently 1%. In/out scholarships are exempt (funds in which income is collected and disbursed within one year for annual scholarships with a predetermined amount).
- Fund does not earn interest

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Advancement staff will work with you to develop your scholarship criteria. Donors may elect to define specific award requirements; however, it is important that the criteria are not so narrow that it is difficult to find applicants who qualify.

- Potential criteria include college, major, year of study, grade-point average, extracurricular or community service activities, etc.
- Financial need—may specify that need is required, is not required, or is of secondary consideration only. Can be determined by requiring FAFSA or a statement of need prepared by the applicant.
- Due to NCAA Division III regulations, athletic leadership, ability, participation, or performance cannot be considered in the awarding of scholarships.
- Limitations based on gender, race, national origin, or similar characteristics pose special consideration and may require legal consultation before allowing such limitations to be included in scholarship criteria.

If you would like more information about establishing a scholarship, please contact the UWO advancement staff at (920) 424-2178 or scholarships@uwosh.edu.

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