

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



Support Catholic Education

Scholarships support promising and deserving students by assisting them with the costs of their education. Donors often establish a scholarship fund because they have benefitted from a Catholic Education in their own life and want to ensure that those same opportunities are available to our future generations. Donors can choose to support an existing fund, start their own named fund, or establish a fund to honor or memorialize friends, teachers, family members, or other loved ones.

You can...

- Open a Scholarship or Tuition Assistance Fund with a minimum of \$10,000
- Choose to provide support for students in elementary, high school or college
- Establish a fund in a donor's name, for a particular school, for uniquely qualified students, and more
- Establish criteria for awarding the scholarship

Earnings & Interest Scholarship Fund Managed by Foundation (Income Tax Deduction)

Key benefits

- Provide a perpetual source of revenue for the Catholic School of your choice
- The Catholic Community Foundation manages the fund and distributes the award directly to the school on behalf of the recipients
- Once established, anyone can contribute to a scholarship fund
- Support educational opportunities, Catholic schools or a specific course of study
- The Catholic Community Foundation ensures compliance on your behalf with scholarship rules and regulations as determined by the IRS



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How does a Scholarship Fund work?



MAKE A GIFT



INVESTMENT





Make a gift

Donate cash or easily transfer appreciated assets (such as stock) to establish a fund and avoid having to pay capital gains taxes while maximizing your philanthropic dollars. Or use your IRA required minimum distribution and reduce your taxable income.

Investment

Funds are invested in accordance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops guidelines for Socially Responsible Investments. You, and others, can continue to make additional tax-deductible contributions after the fund is established.

Fund growth



investment earnings and interest are added to the fund balance allowing it to grow year over year.

Scholarship distribution



Following the Catholic Community Foundation's distribution policy and inline with the fund agreement, an annual distribution is made directly to the agreed upon Catholic School or college.

Let's talk

About the Catholic Community Foundation

The Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida began operating in 2004 to help donors create lasting legacies uniquely aligned with their Catholic values and beliefs. The Foundation works with donors to provide long-term support and sustainability to the ministries, programs, and entities about which they care most.

Why the Catholic Community Foundation

The Foundation supports the mission of Christ in the Diocese of Venice and beyond and was created as an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit to help safeguard donors' assets and to ensure that donations will always be used in alignment with donors' wishes. The Foundation also invests all donations in Catholicscreened investments in keeping with our Faith.

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