

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



Scholarship funds allow donors to support the educational goals of the next generation. You can make an impact on aspiring academics while our expert staff handles the legal and administrative details of scholarship making. Scholarship funds may be endowed, quasi-endowed or non-endowed.

Requirements

Austin Community Foundation ensures the fair distribution of scholarship funds in accordance with Internal Revenue Service regulations. All scholarship programs must be established with broad selection criteria and the selection process must be objective and non-discriminatory. In addition, donors, members of the selection committee or anyone related to the scholarship fund's advisors can't receive any material benefit from distributions from the fund.

In all cases, the selection committee for scholarship funds are appointed by the Foundation, although members can be recommended by the donor. The donor and related parties may serve on the selection committee, but cannot constitute the majority. Each scholarship selection process is approved by the Foundation's board of directors.

Once scholarship decisions are made, the Foundation disburses scholarship funds to the institution the recipient attends. Scholarships are not paid directly to a specific individual.

Process

Guidelines are developed for your scholarship fund including:

- Purpose of scholarship fund
- Eligibility & selection criteria (ex: academic merit, financial need, community service, other)
- Application development
- Scholarships selection process
- Amount of award(s)
- Non-discriminatory clause

Scholarship Types

	Non-Endowed*	Endowed & Quasi-Endowed Funds**
Additional Fees	One-time set-up fee: \$100	N/A
Fund Minimums	\$1,500*	\$5,000
Below \$1,000,000	\$250 annual fee plus \$25 per scholarship awarded	1.5% Assets Fee assessed at the rate of 1/12 of the fee on the average market value of the fund each month.
Above \$1,000,000	N/A	1.25% Assets Fee assessed at the rate of 1/12 of the fee on the average market value of the fund each month.

*Non-endowed scholarships require a \$1,500 minimum to establish and must have a minimum balance of \$1,500 each year to have a scholarship approved and distributed. Scholarships from a non-endowed fund must be at least \$1,000.

**Investment expenses average 0.25-0.8% varies depending on investment strategy and include the fee of our investment counsel, DiMeo Schneider & Associates. The spending policy for endowed funds provides for a maximum available for granting and is calculated as 4% of the average trailing 20 quarters of the fund's market value.

Additional fees apply for gifts made with credit card.