



Donor Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

We sincerely appreciate your enthusiasm for supporting Colorado State University. We also understand that you may have a few questions regarding your gift to CSU. Below, you will find the most commonly asked questions we receive from donors about scholarships. If you don't find what you're looking for or have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact University Advancement.

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Can I name a scholarship?

A named scholarship can be established when the amount given meets the minimum funding requirements for an annual or endowed scholarship. Scholarships are often named after donors, companies, organizations, or to honor parents, professors, or other important people in one's life. Alternatively, gifts of any amount may be contributed to existing scholarship funds.

What is the difference between an endowed scholarship and an annual scholarship?

Endowed scholarships create a permanent fund where contributions are prudently invested and income from investment returns help fund individual scholarship awards. Annual scholarships are not invested and are only awarded for as long as funding is available. [Please click here to learn more about CSU endowments.](#)

What are the minimum funding requirements?

- University Scholarship (Annual): \$1,000 minimum
- University Scholarship (Endowed): \$25,000 minimum
- Presidential Scholarship (Annual): \$2,500 minimum
- Presidential Scholarship (Endowed): \$50,000 minimum

What is the difference between a University Scholarship and a Presidential Scholarship?

A University Scholarship has a single selection criterion while a Presidential Scholarship can have multiple selection criteria.



Can I help choose the scholarship recipient?

When establishing a named scholarship, you can specify the criteria to be used for recipient selection. University representatives from the appropriate academic department will honor the criteria when determining scholarship recipients. Donors cannot participate in the selection of scholarship recipients.

If I establish a scholarship, what can I expect to receive from CSU?

- Annual notification of scholarship recipients.
- Annual report about the endowment's financial status (endowed scholarships only).
- Periodic scholarship videos, impact reports, and other communications.
- Opportunities to engage with leadership, faculty, staff, and students through various events and engagement activities.

How will I know who the scholarship recipients are?

On an annual basis, University Advancement will notify you of your named scholarship's recipients (name, major, minor, concentration, and class level).

Can I contact the scholarship recipients?

Student contact information is confidential and cannot be shared without a student's permission. However, University Advancement is happy to serve as an intermediary. Feel free to send your message to donorrelations@colostate.edu and we will pass your message on to the applicable students. Be sure to include your contact information so students can respond!

Will I receive a thank you note from the scholarship recipients?

All scholarship recipients are invited and encouraged to share what scholarships mean to them. Many students are eager to share their stories, but others may find reflecting on their experiences to be too personal. Whenever possible, University Advancement will share messages from the specific recipient of your named scholarship; however, we cannot require scholarship recipients to write thank you notes. University Advancement also shares scholarship videos and impact reports throughout the year.

Will I meet the scholarship recipients?

Several colleges and programs host scholarship events where donors may have the opportunity to meet scholarship recipients. Many students may be excited to attend, while others may find the situation intimidating or uncomfortable, and others still may have obligations that make it difficult or impossible to attend. While we invite and encourage students to attend scholarship events, University Advancement cannot require their attendance.

How can I learn more about establishing a scholarship at CSU?

Please email us at donorrelations@colostate.edu or call (970) 491-7774. We will work with you to understand your vision for the scholarship as well as your financial commitment. You can also [click here to find additional information on our scholarship website.](#)