



Scholarship Endowments

Helping Young People Grow in Faith and Knowledge

A scholarship endowment is a permanent fund that holds its principal in perpetuity and is invested for the benefit of a particular purpose. You can start a permanent scholarship endowment with a gift of cash, securities, or assets. The school or donor can even establish an endowment directed to a specific population or need. Once in place, the scholarship endowment fund will grow and make annual distributions directly to the named school(s) according to your wishes, for generations to come.

Benefits of Creating an Endowment

- **Simplicity and ease** - The Catholic Foundation manages the administrative aspects of fund thus reducing staff time commitment.
- **Visibility and marketing**— The Foundation promotes your scholarship endowments through the Catholic Foundation’s annual report, newsletters, website and donor portal.
- **Integrity of values** – The Foundation’s investment committee along with the Merrill Lynch professional management team, ensures all funds are invested in accordance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops guidelines for socially responsible investments.
- **Peace of Mind** – Funds created by the Catholic Foundation of Michigan provide asset protection from potential liabilities. They ensure the specified growth and lasting legacy of our Catholic communities.

Types of Scholarship Funds

Scholarship Endowments

These funds are ideal for donors who wish to establish a lasting legacy for students at a beloved school with all of the benefits and security of a perpetual endowment. Scholarships dollars from these funds are distributed directly to the school to benefit deserving students in line with the donor’s desires.

Honorary and Memorial Scholarship Funds

A gift of scholarship endowment to benefit your school in the name of someone special is a gift that declares, “Together we are giving hope to future generations.” Imagine the distinct, memorable gift a donor could give to a loved one.



Getting Started

1. **Define a purpose** - State a clear purpose for which the earnings will be used into the future. While the purpose should be clear, it should not be overly restrictive.
2. **Determine the Initial Amount to Initiate the Fund** – The minimum amount to set up an endowment is \$10,000.00. Distributions take place in the following year after at least 1 year of investment.
3. **Work with the Catholic Foundation to create the Scholarship Endowment Agreement with the Foundation. Identify 1-2 fund liaisons from your team.**
4. **Choose the Name of the Fund** – The scholarship endowment can be named after an individual, family or the school benefiting from the fund. It is important to identify a secondary charitable beneficiary in the event money cannot go to the primary school named (e.g. if the primary school ceased to exist)
5. **Ongoing support**
 - a. Quarterly statements will be sent to you and/or the school regarding the growth, balance and activity of the scholarship endowment.
 - b. Once a year, a percentage (presently 5%) of the endowment is given to directly to the school(s) to distribute according to your vision.
 - c. Contact the helpful Catholic Foundation staff at any time if you have questions.
6. **Make the initial contribution to the fund by way of assets (cash or stocks)**
 - a. A School and/or individuals may continue to donate to the endowment after the initial contribution.
 - b. Public endowments allow anyone to donate, at any amount, to the fund after it is established.
7. **Celebrate!**
 - a. Share on social media that your school has successfully opened a fund that will benefit your mission for years to come.
 - b. Follow the Catholic Foundation on LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter and allow us to do the same in order to maximize the visibility of your social media presence.
8. **Ongoing Support**
 - a. Quarterly statements will be sent to you regarding the growth, balance and activity of the fund.
 - b. Yearly, a percentage (typically 5%) of the endowment is given to the school if desired.
 - c. Contact the helpful Catholic Foundation staff at any time if you have questions.

We invite you to prayerfully consider a Scholarship Endowment Fund with The Catholic Foundation of Michigan. Together as people of faith, we can spread the Light of Christ and make a difference in the lives of students for generations to come!

*“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took, and sowed in a field.
It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.
It becomes a large bush, and the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.”*

– Matthew 13:31-32