Endowed Undergraduate Scholarships

Our commitment is that every keen and curious mind has access to a superior education that transforms learning into contribution and hands-on experience into immediate and lasting results for a global society. Private support provides extraordinary opportunities for North Carolinians, while helping us attract the best and brightest to our state.

Scholarships at NC State

NC State excels in education, discovery and service of uncommon breadth and remarkable relevance. The largest four-year university in North Carolina, NC State serves a diverse student body of more than 24,000 undergraduates from all 100 NC counties, every state in the U.S. and more than 119 countries. Students are drawn to NC State by our reputation for excellence in more than 100 undergraduate majors as well as opportunities to pursue original research with extraordinary faculty, living-learning communities, study abroad and service-learning programs, intramural and extramural sports and more.

As NC State looks to the future, no priority is more important than safeguarding our ability to extend educational opportunity to bright, deserving students. Cost is a major consideration for students and their families, and the cost of attending college nationwide continues to rise. At NC State, estimated annual expenses for full-time, in-state students total more than $23,000.

In the last five years, state appropriations per student in the UNC system have decreased seven percent while tuition revenue has increased 10 percent system-wide. As support for public higher education diminishes and the cost of education continues to rise, students amass more debt, or they may sacrifice their dreams of higher education altogether.

Scholarships are a lifeline for students and their families, because they enable NC State to fill this gap. Endowed scholarships are the sturdiest of lifelines, since they offer a secure source of revenue for financial aid, helping students and families weather economic downturns and fluctuations in state and federal support.

Increasing the number of endowed scholarships we can offer is a key priority for The Think and Do the Extraordinary Campaign, the most ambitious fundraising effort in NC State history.
Scholarship Endowments at NC State
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By investing in scholarship endowments, you help NC State to grow in excellence and remain true to its land-grant mission by keeping the cost of education affordable. Students who graduate with limited or no debt can afford to dream big, follow their passions, and make a meaningful difference in our world.

There is no better legacy to NC State than a gift of endowment.

Opportunities For Your Support
Endowed Full-Tuition Scholarship
Your gift of $250,000 or more will provide full tuition support for an extraordinary student in a program of your choice and a stipend for experiential learning, service learning or study abroad.

Endowed Merit Award Scholarship
Your gift of $50,000 or more will provide a partial merit-based scholarship for an incoming freshman in a program of your choice in recognition of his or her exceptional academic ability, talent and potential.

Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship
Your gift of $25,000 or more will provide a partial merit- or need-based scholarship for an extraordinary student in an undergraduate program of your choice.

Endowed scholarships are a wonderful way to honor your family or recognize someone special. Endowment gifts may be pledged over a number of years and may be funded through cash gifts as well as planned or deferred gifts.

Why Endowments Matter
Endowments provide donors with opportunities to create living legacies. When you create an endowment, you touch the lives of future generations. Your gift is immediately invested and, when fully funded, produces annual income to support the endowment’s purpose for years to come. As scholarship endowments grow over time, they are able to support even more students or provide larger awards.

While cash gifts for current use are vitally important, endowments are the bedrock of all great universities. They provide certain, steady support in perpetuity. Funds invested in NC State endowments help to offset continued reductions in government support and enable us to plan for the future with greater predictability than otherwise possible.