Foundation Scholarships

Because of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA) and its regulation of donor advised funds, the Community Foundation must be the one that appoints scholarship selection committees and ensure the donor is not involved in the selection process. The PPA directly affects advised scholarship funds only.

Important things to remember about our scholarships:

- The fund founder determines what educational institution receives the check
- The educational institution (designee) chooses the scholarship recipient based on the fund founder’s criteria
- The check is mailed to same designee each year

Advised

Fee: 2%
Minimum: $25k

How it Works:

- Committee members appointed by the Community Foundation determine the scholarship winner based on the fund founder’s criteria
- The check is mailed directly from the Community Foundation to the recipient’s college or university after proof of enrollment is received

Fee: 1%
Minimum: $10k

Designated

How it Works:

- The fund founder determines what educational institution receives the check
- The educational institution (designee) chooses the scholarship recipient based on the fund founder’s criteria
- The check is mailed to same designee each year

Although Community Foundation scholarships are usually endowed, donors may also choose to establish a quasi-endowed fund for a 1.25% annual fee. Quasi-endowed fund scholarships allow for granting larger amounts above the endowment’s 4% spend rate. These scholarships are still managed as advised or designated, depending on the donor’s intent.