

Scholarship Funds



at a glance

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



STURGIS AREA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Scholarship Funds allow donors to create a permanent source of support for local students. These funds allow donors to define key eligibility criteria for awards that may be based on merit, need, or academic performance to benefit students of any age, background, or educational level. SACF offers three types of scholarship funds, allowing donors to not only select award criteria, but also their level of participation in the selection and award process.

- **Legacy of support for education**
- **Donor defines selection and eligibility criteria**
- **Minimum to establish: \$15,000**
- **Donor may choose their level of participation in the selection process**

how it works

- 1 Donor establishes Scholarship Fund and creates eligibility requirements.
- 2 SACF coordinates scholarship application and manages selection process according to the governing Fund documents/ donor instructions.
- 3 Following the review and selection process, SACF distributes scholarship awards directly to the recipients' school/institution.

benefits & tax advantages

- Donor selects award eligibility criteria and determines level of participation in the overall selection process
- Opportunity to name the fund after you or in honor of a family member, friend or organization (e.g., "The Mary Smith Family Foundation")
- SACF coordinates and manages annual scholarship distributions, ensuring the fund is in full compliance with federal income tax law
- Ability to grant anonymously
- Gifts are tax-deductible
- Avoid capital gains taxes while realizing tax-deductions of your donation with a gift of real estate or other complex assets

Scholarship Fund Types	Committee-Advised Scholarship	Discretionary Scholarship	Restricted Scholarship
DONOR SELECTS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	YES	YES	YES
DONOR HAS INPUT INTO SCHOOL SELECTIONS	YES*	NO	YES
DONOR PARTICIPATES IN AWARD SELECTION	YES	NO	NO

*As stated in award criteria/eligibility guidelines