Scholarships:
OPEN DOORS TO LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES
Turn Someone’s Dreams Into Reality

When you establish a scholarship at Maryland, you create opportunities for deserving students to pursue their academic passions. Scholarships provide tuition assistance, lessen the burden of essential expenses and attract and retain renowned faculty. Learn more about this incredible opportunity.

What was the best part about your time at school and Maryland if you’re an alum? The lasting friendships? The interesting classes? A favorite professor? The simple act of walking across campus, confident that anything was possible?

Many of us remember our college years as full of promise. Today, student optimism is often combined with feelings of uncertainty due to the rising cost of a quality education.

Or, maybe you did not have the opportunity of a college education and want to help someone with theirs.

If you want to impact someone’s life or pay it forward for support you may have received, read on to learn how a scholarship may be right for you.

What Can a Scholarship Do?

1. Make Education Accessible
   A scholarship can provide tuition assistance—either partial or full—and be the deciding factor in someone’s ability to attend college. By providing aid in this special way, you ensure deserving students, no matter their financial hurdles, have access to a quality Maryland education. Your scholarship can open the door for a Terrapin to make a positive impact on the world.

2. Provide More Than Tuition
   You can create a scholarship for education-related expenses like textbooks or to help a specific school or department. Or you can designate your funds toward an area or department that is meaningful to you.

3. Reward Students and Attract Top Faculty
   Your generosity will help us reward hard-working Terrapins and recruit high-caliber faculty to lead our students.

4. Set an Example for Others
   Your scholarship will send a message: There are Maryland alumni, faculty, parents and friends who believe in the power of education and want to see it made available to everyone.
Fund Your Scholarship

Funding a Maryland scholarship with cash is one option. But it’s not the only way. Consider these creative alternatives:

A gift in your will. Remembering Maryland in your will is an easy, flexible way to provide support.

Appreciated assets. Gifting an appreciated asset, such as stock, that you have owned for more than one year may allow you to eliminate the capital gains tax on the asset’s appreciation.

Life insurance. Make the University of Maryland College Park Foundation the owner and beneficiary of a new policy, or one that you no longer need.

Retirement plan assets. Name us beneficiary to receive all or part of your retirement plan assets. When left to loved ones, distributions from your account are subject to income tax. As a tax-exempt institution, we pay no income tax on the gift; we receive the full amount. Or, if you are 70½ or older, you can support students today by making a gift directly from your IRA in any amount up to $100,000 per year that will not trigger a taxable event for you.

There are additional ways to make scholarships a reality for deserving students. We would be happy to discuss them with you.
Your endowment is created first with the gift you make. Then we invest the funds, and the annual income the endowment earns is used for your designated purpose. A portion of the income is reinvested in the fund principal each year, allowing the perpetual endowment to last forever.

**Honorary/Memorial:** You may name your scholarship after someone who has made an impact on your life. This is a heartfelt way to celebrate one person as you assist others.

Contact our gift planning office at 866.646.4UMD or giftplanninng@umd.edu to discuss how you can impact others through your generosity. There is no obligation.

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**GIVE THE GIFT OF EDUCATION**

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