**Scholarship Funds**

When you create a Scholarship Fund you invest in our community’s future and show students you care. The Topeka Community Foundation provides the expertise to help you meet your charitable goals by awarding scholarships to deserving students. Your gift can help students achieve their educational dreams.

**HOW IT WORKS**

Determine the eligibility and selection criteria — based on a student’s field of study, academic achievements, extracurricular activities, or financial need.

You make a gift to the Topeka Community Foundation.

You receive tax benefits in the year your gift is made and a recipient receives support with education costs.

**Benefits**

You can create a Scholarship Fund as a memorial to someone special, selecting eligibility criteria that exemplifies that person’s goals and values. Or, you may use it to express your educational values — or those of your family or business. The Scholarship Fund you establish will support students’ cost of education, with the check being written to the college/university and the student. You and the recipients will be invited to attend a scholarship reception where you both will be recognized.

Staff perform all administrative tasks, from creating the scholarship application and publicizing its availability to coordinating the selection process, sending award letters and processing the payments. If the Scholarship Fund you establish is renewable, staff tracks performance to ensure that the recipients continue to meet its terms.