NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS
Helping students with financial need attend Wichita State University
Every year, Wichita State has far more students who apply for financial help than can be helped with available resources. Forty-seven percent of WSU students are the first in their families to attend college. Wichita State is proud to help them achieve their dreams and build better lives. These first-generation students, however, get very little financial help from their families.

That’s why scholarships based on need are so important. They help determine whether a student stays in school, or not. Whether they stay on track to a degree, or are sidetracked by a heavy work schedule. Whether they graduate with student loan payments, or are able to start supporting their family and community.

I WAS WORKING FOUR JOBS. GETTING ZERO SLEEP. PEOPLE COULD TELL I WAS STRUGGLING.

KAYLIE AIKINS is like many Wichita State students. Coming from a family with limited means, she’s on her own financially, yet driven to make her life better by getting a college education. Being the recipient of a generous scholarship allowed her to quit three of her part-time jobs and focus on her classes and on securing an internship in integrated marketing communication, her major.

“My scholarship has changed everything about my college experience,” says Aikins, a WSU Student Ambassador. “I feel supported, like people want me to succeed. And now I’m much more confident that I can.”

Kaylie, 19, is a sophomore from Winfield. She hopes to pursue a career in advertising or public relations upon graduation and recently added a minor in business marketing to make her more competitive.
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NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS: TWO OPTIONS

1. ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS: PERMANENT SUPPORT
   The minimum donation to endow a scholarship is $35,000, which can be spread in equal payments over as many as five consecutive years.

2. CURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS: SUPPORT FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD
   The minimum to establish a current scholarship is $5,000, which can be spread in equal payments over as many as five consecutive years.

FINANCIAL AID GAP

Wichita State was unable to meet the financial need for 31% of students who applied for aid.

Total gap for the 1,584 students who applied for aid and were denied. (Average gap is $2,000 for residential students.)

$2.8M
Raising additional funds for need-based scholarships is a top priority to make a college education at Wichita State more affordable, accessible and inclusive.

BY ESTABLISHING A NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP, YOU WILL:

Enable WSU to narrow the Financial Aid Gap that denies support for deserving students.

Allow WSU to fulfill its fundamental mission to help every individual who wants a college education achieve it.

Help Wichita State offset the loss of state funds as public support for higher education continues to decline.

Create an enduring legacy that will change the destinies of all who receive your scholarship.

2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR:

Books and supplies: $2,500 (estimated)

Tuition and fees: $8,103

Room and board: $14,800

Tuition and fees for one year (undergraduate residential student)

On campus room and board (estimated)

Start a scholarship today!

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