

FOREVER FORWARD FAQs

➤ Why was this endowment started?

- Because of the changing landscape of teaching and learning, physical activity and educational research, use of technology, teacher education and school reform in our communities and around the world – **The College of Education Alumni Board of Directors has committed to further support the lives of future educators by creating The Forever Forward Legacy Endowed Scholarship Fund. It create a pathway of financial support into perpetuity for students in the College of Education.**

➤ Why do we need a Forever Forward Endowment? Doesn't the university fund scholarships?

- MSU funds hundreds of scholarships annually thanks to the generous donations of alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of MSU. While the impact of giving is significant in assisting students with tuition costs, there is still a need to assist every student in-need while on their educational journey at MSU.

➤ Will this endowment be self-sustaining?

- Endowed funds are invested, and awards are distributed using the investment income. This means that the award lives on in perpetuity and can grant scholarships or fellowships forever.

➤ What will be the criteria for selecting deserving students?

- Currently the criteria for the College of Education gives preference in awarding the scholarships goes to: (1) students with a cumulative grade point average above a 3.0, (2) students who will have earned a minimum of 56 credits by the end of the spring semester in which application is made, and (3) students who have been admitted to the College of Education teacher education program or are a kinesiology major.

➤ What is the application process?

- When scholarship becomes available, students can apply here: <https://education.msu.edu/resources/students/scholarships/>

➤ Requirements:

- Completed application form
- Personal statement of educational goals, commitment to education, evidence of leadership, and other activities indicating scholarship or achievement in education
- Current resume (not to exceed 4 pages)
- One recommendation submitted by a faculty member or other person familiar with your work.

➤ What is the College of Education's ranking nationally?

- In the [2022 rankings](https://education.msu.edu/news/2022/msu-named-in-nations-top-10-in-four-online-masters-program-areas/) from *U.S. News & World Report*, MSU is listed in the top-10 in four specialty areas. For more info click here: <https://education.msu.edu/news/2022/msu-named-in-nations-top-10-in-four-online-masters-program-areas/>

➤ Will I be able to contribute annually to this scholarship?

- You may also set up recurring donations online, allowing you to make a gift by debit or credit card every month or annually with one setup transaction.

➤ What will be the amount of each award?

- Amounts of awards determine by the interest gained on the amount.

➤ Will the awards be given in all departments of the college?

- **The Forever Forward Legacy Endowed Scholarship** will financially support students through scholarships from each of the four departments and the teaching internship program within the College of Education.

➤ How will my contribution be recognized?

- All donors are recognized through the Forever Forward online Honor Roll. Here (insert link to honor roll)

➤ What percentage of my donation actually goes towards scholarships?

- All donations to an endowed fund is invested, and awards are distributed using the investment income.

➤ Is my donation tax exempt?

- Yes. All donors receive a tax receipt from University Advancement for tax purposes.

➤ Will my personal information be protected?

- We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to protect against the loss, misuse or alteration of the information under our control. Safeguards include restricted access to computer systems and paper files, firewalls, encryption and secure authentication methods.
- MSU participates in the InCommon SSL Certificate Program, powered by [Comodo](#), which entitles MSU to provide 2048-bit SSL certificates for MSU servers. Access to any personal information you chose to disclose to University Advancement through its website is restricted in our offices. Only employees who have a legitimate university business reason to use personally identifiable information are granted access to it. If you want to review or update your personal information, contact us at the address, email or telephone number noted above.
- Privacy Policy Statement link: <https://advancement.msu.edu/privacy-policy.cfm>

➤ Will /Can my donation be made private?

- A donor can request anonymity based on individual gift transactions or based on all transactions (in this case an alert or flag would be added to the donor's record to indicate all gifts are to be coded anonymous). At the request of the donor, he/she can also have an anonymous recognition name for honor roll purposes.