

HONORING THE FUTURE

University of Virginia
Scholarships

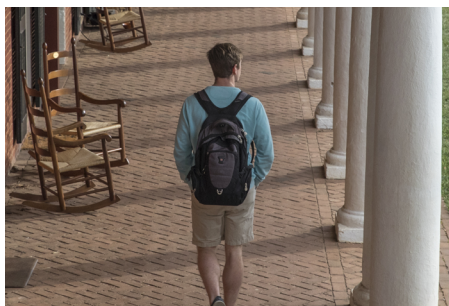
**THE GOAL: LIFE-CHANGING SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR EXTRAORDINARY STUDENTS**

“I know from my own life that going to college doesn’t just affect you as an individual, it affects your entire family. It changes the path not just of your life but of your kids’ lives. So it’s just an incredibly powerful tool and one that makes a difference, not just in one life, but in lives to follow.”

PRESIDENT JAMES E. RYAN

An education is an investment in the future and can change the trajectory of a life. College graduates live healthier lives, earn more, and make essential contributions to society. By offering life-changing scholarships, the University of Virginia will open more doors to higher education for deserving students, many of whom are hoping to become first-generation college graduates. The University is committed to providing scholarships to attract and support extraordinary students, from all backgrounds, who have the potential to live lives of purpose, impact, and service.

Today’s students are tomorrow’s leaders. Scholarships give them the financial security, educational enrichment, and a solid foundation to seize opportunities and achieve their highest goals.



THE CHALLENGE: OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

The best college education is one marked by academic excellence, diversity of students and thought, and an exceptional undergraduate experience. Outstanding students from different walks of life enrich the education of every student at UVA. But not all students can afford a higher education. Lost income due to the global pandemic has dimmed prospects for many who were counting on attending college as their next step. First-generation and underrepresented students face obstacles that often prohibit them from applying to college. Without scholarship support, many promising students are unable to achieve their lifelong dream of attending college.

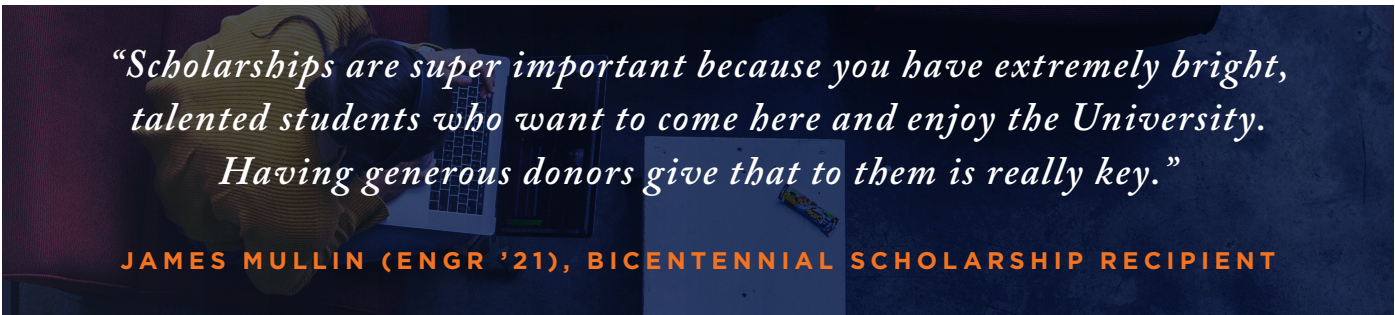
Competing for top students requires the resources to reward merit and remove obstacles. We must address current demands. In 2004, about 24% of students received need-based financial aid. More than 34% qualified in 2020-21 and financial aid applications are expected to rise. To attract tomorrow's forward-thinking leaders, we must increase the scholarship opportunities that make a college education possible.

THE SOLUTION: HONOR THE FUTURE BY SUPPORTING SCHOLARSHIPS

The University has made strategic matching funds available to support need-based scholarships. The **Bicentennial Scholars Fund** addresses two of UVA's highest priorities—recruiting top prospective students and increasing access and affordability for undergraduates. When you contribute **\$1 million or more** for need-based, undergraduate scholarships and fulfill the commitment within five years, the University will double your gift. **A 50% match will be made for gifts of \$100,000 (\$50,000 for UVA-Wise)** that are fully paid within five years for new endowments to support need and merit-based scholarships.

UVA also invested \$10 million in matching funds for gifts to the **University Achievement Awards** and the **Blue Ridge Scholars Program**. Gifts of **\$100,000 or more** are matched **100% now and 50% once the initial \$10 million is depleted**. University Achievement Awards cover all tuition and fees for in-state students demonstrating outstanding leadership while overcoming personal hardship. Blue Ridge Scholarships are primarily awarded to out-of-state students with exceptional academic promise and significant financial need.

Supporting scholarships is a great opportunity to honor the future and make it possible for the next generation to succeed as educated leaders and committed members of society. When you give to scholarships, you help students achieve their lifelong dream of attending college and improving their lives.



“Scholarships are super important because you have extremely bright, talented students who want to come here and enjoy the University. Having generous donors give that to them is really key.”

JAMES MULLIN (ENGR '21), BICENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

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