Guidelines Pertaining to a Named Annual Scholarship Fund

Donors may establish a named scholarship that does not require an endowment.

Named annual scholarships are designed to encourage scholarship support at annual levels. Donors wishing to establish a Named Annual Scholarship with specified award criteria must pledge annual gifts of $5,000 or more for at least a five-year period. During that time, the funds will go directly to aiding a student with demonstrated financial need.

The minimum dollar amount represents current cost of tuition, student fees, and some books for one year for an in-state student. Scholarship funds do not cover room and board for students.

All benefactors have the ability to name their scholarships after themselves or in memory or honor of another. Scholarship donors are provided with the name of their recipient and are given the opportunity to meet the student at a campus event.

For named annual scholarship funds, individuals or organizations will consult with our staff in order to establish criteria for the scholarship. The criteria should be flexible and general to guarantee the widest possible pool of applicants. Acceptable award criteria may include: minimum GPA; specific major, program, department, school, or college; undergraduate or graduate status; class standing; residency.

For gifts less than $5,000, donors may specify the college, school, department, or program where they wish to direct their scholarship gift or they may make a gift to the general scholarship fund via the NCCU Foundation, Inc. The general scholarship fund enables NCCU to pool the resources of many donors and to make awards wherever the need is greatest. This fund may also be used to attract and retain academically talented students, many of whom receive competitive scholarship offers from other institutions.