

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP Q&A

WHAT IS A SCHOLARSHIP?

Scholarships are established by individuals who care deeply about Lenoir-Rhyne University and its students. Some donors are LR alumni, who were themselves the beneficiaries of student aid. There are different types of scholarships: Endowed and Annual.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP:

The money donated gets invested in the university endowment and students receive a certain percentage of the interest. This scholarship exists in perpetuity and is awarded on an annual basis.

ANNUAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP:

Students receive 100 percent of the funding today. Unlike endowed scholarships, these gifts to the annual fund are entirely expendable and are awarded right away.

I JUST RECEIVED A NAMED/ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP. DO I GET ADDITIONAL **MONEY?**

No. These scholarships are dollar-for-dollar replacements of LR financial aid.

ARE THERE ADDITIONAL APPLICATION **MATERIALS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT?**

No additional application materials are required beyond the regular financial aid application materials. Students are automatically considered for these funds when they apply for financial aid.

HOW AM I SELECTED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

Selection is based on a student's match with a scholarship's criteria.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AS A **SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT?**

- Each year, we ask that our scholarship students connect with the donors who sponsor their scholarship. Once a year, you will need to either write and mail and thank you card to your scholarship donor and/or send a virtual thank you message via video-email.
- Additionally, once a year, we host the Lenoir-Rhyne

- Scholarship Celebration for students and donors. All scholarship recipients, as well as donors, are invited to this event. We expect that scholarship recipients will attend this event.
- There may be additional opportunities to meet your donor. For example, if your donor comes to campus, we may reach out to set up an in-person meeting for lunch or coffee. Also, we may ask you to share a testimony about the impact of scholarship support at LR for printed materials, speak at our annual Scholarship Celebration, or be profiled in our scholarship event program.

IF I HAVE QUESTIONS, WHO SHOULD I ASK?

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"Without the scholarship from Lenoir-Rhyne, I would not have been able to attend another year. Because I lost both parents, I was financially dependent on myself and didn't have anyone else to lean on. If it weren't for our donors, I wouldn't have completed my degree. The scholarship allowed my parents' dreams to come true, as well as mine."

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