



Preserve *the* Sterling College

# Experience

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**CREATE YOUR ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

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**"My scholarship gave me motivation to work hard, and it helps me feel supported by others."**

ETHAN YOUNG | MEDICAL LAKE, WASH.



## What makes *us* different?

**A**t Sterling College, it is our mission “to develop creative and thoughtful leaders who understand a maturing Christian faith.”

For 126 years, Sterling has been transforming the lives of students. Our charge to develop servant leaders who will go out and change the world is being strengthened as we collectively serve our students by investing in their higher education. For many students, their experience at Sterling College is marked by transformative change. Participation in Sterling’s mission is essential to this transformation. Through the gift of scholarships, our students have the opportunity to turn that mission into a reality.

### **The importance of scholarships**

Sterling College has a long history of providing scholarships and other types of financial aid to recognize merit and meet our student’s financial needs. Every student who attends Sterling College will receive some form of scholarship or financial aid. Scholarship assistance is essential to recruiting students to Sterling and to their success. Without scholarship funding, a Christ-centered college education is not an option for many of our students.

Generous and visionary gifts from our alumni and friends bless the lives of Sterling students both spiritually and academically.

### **What our students are saying**

“Music is my passion and being able to share that with the faculty and classmates fills me with true joy and it is because of my scholarship that I can continue to pursue that passion.”

JORDAN HIMES | EUREKA, KAN.  
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“By awarding me this scholarship, you blessed both my wife and me. I felt more confident in my finances and was thus able to more appropriately spend time on my studies.”

PHILIP TAYLOR '14 | NORCO, CALIF.  
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“Thank you for making it possible for me to attend a school where I am free to walk the closest I possibly can with Jesus.”

JAMIE KAY TILTON | SCOTT CITY, KAN.





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## How you can help

To provide financial aid for Sterling students, an individual, family, or a group can:

- Give to an existing endowed scholarship
- Invest in the general endowed scholarship fund
- Create a new annual or endowed scholarship

### 1. Types of scholarship funds

**Named endowed scholarships** provide scholarships each year from a portion of the fund's invested earnings. When you give a minimum of \$25,000 (may be funded over five years), you can create a named endowed scholarship fund. A formal scholarship agreement with Sterling will specify qualifying criteria like major, grade-point-average or other criteria that a student must meet to receive the scholarship.

**Named annual scholarships** are typically awarded the academic year in which the gift is received by Sterling College. These scholarships are funded with \$1,000 or more for a minimum of four years to provide continuity of the award to a student from first-year enrollment through graduation. A scholarship agreement will specify qualifying criteria such as major, grade-point-average or other criteria that a student must meet in order to receive the scholarship.

**General or endowed scholarships** support all types of financial aid and helps students who otherwise might not be able to attend Sterling. Gifts to the Sterling Fund

are combined with other generous gifts to provide needed scholarships.

### 2. Ways to fund a scholarship or an endowment

- Cash
- Appreciated assets like crops, stocks, real estate, etc.
- Donor-Advised Fund
- Estate gifts like bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, insurance policies or other types of planned giving

### 3. Endowed naming opportunities

Most endowed funds or scholarships are named in honor or memory of individuals or organizations that characterize principles, values and achievements that donors wish to recognize and perpetuate. These expressions of gratitude are then embodied in students living and learning on the campus of Sterling College. Names of an endowed fund are created by the founding donor(s). Endowed gift naming opportunities include:

**Endowed Trustee Scholarship:** \$250,000

**Named Endowed Scholarships:** \$25,000 and above

**Annual Scholarships (non-endowed)** \$1,000 and above

Information regarding other Sterling College naming opportunities for campus improvements, academic departments, faculty positions and lectureships is available by request.