Examples of Student Endowment Scholarships

Generous donors have established the following scholarships and awards. By spending part of the earnings on principal, these scholarships and awards are designed to provide a perpetual income stream which will enable us to support students every year. Every year far more outstanding students apply for these funds than we can accommodate. Learn more about establishing an endowment.

David J. Snyder Memorial Scholarship

Commonwealth Honors College students in their first, second or third year of study are eligible to apply for the David J. Snyder Memorial Scholarship. Each year one scholarship is awarded as a one-time grant and applied toward the student's tuition in the following academic year. Selection is based on a combination of financial need and academic achievement.

Rachel and John Morton Honors Scholarship

Commonwealth Honors College students in their first or second year of study are eligible to apply for the Rachel and John Morton Honors Scholarship. Each year one scholarship is awarded as a one-time grant and applied toward the student's tuition in the following academic year. Selection is based on a combination of financial need and academic achievement. First preference is given to a student from Stoughton, Massachusetts.

Melvin Howard Scholarship

Commonwealth Honors College students in their first, second or third year of study, with an interest in economics or business, are eligible to apply for the Melvin Howard Scholarship. The Melvin Howard fund supports up to four $1,000 scholarships or Honors Research Grants relative to business or economics. The scholarships are awarded as a one-time grant and applied toward the student's tuition in the following academic year. Selection is based on a combination of financial need, academic achievement, and career goals.
Lewenberg Family Scholarship

Commonwealth Honors College students in their first, second or third year of study, who are active in Hillel, are eligible to apply for the Lewenberg Family Scholarship. Each year one scholarship is awarded as a one-time grant and applied toward the student's tuition in the following academic year. Selection is based on a combination of financial need and academic achievement.

Nancy Cullen ’76 Scholarship

First, second, and third-year students who are members of Commonwealth Honors College, participate in the UMass Amherst Minuteman Marching Band, and have demonstrated financial need are eligible to apply for the Nancy M. Cullen Scholarship Award. A proud alumna of the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Ms. Cullen established this scholarship to encourage and reward the dedication and commitment necessary to participate in the two programs. Financial need plays a significant role in the selection process.

Charles J. Hoff Scholarship

Commonwealth Honors College students who are residents of Massachusetts and demonstrate financial need are eligible to apply for Charles J. Hoff Scholarships. Funded by the Hoff Foundation, the scholarships are designed to provide need-based assistance to motivated students who are serious about their education. Students must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the federal government, post marked by February 15. Hoff scholarship applications are submitted to the Commonwealth Honors College office in March. Finalists must be available after final exams for a personal interview. The number of scholarships awarded may vary from year to year.

The Frank And Helen DiGiammarino Citizen Scholarship

Established by the DiGiammarino family to honor Frank and Helen DiGiammarino and their commitment to community service, this fund provides a stipend for students in the Citizen Scholars Program who wish to pursue a community service internship over the summer. Internship proposals must be submitted as part of the scholarship application.

Class of 1941 Humanitarian Award

Two awards of at least $1,000 are made annually to students who articulate how they plan to use their education toward the betterment of the world. Recipients are chosen from among junior and senior Commonwealth Honors College students in good standing who provide documentation of their community service and submit a written
Cooke Family Fund Scholarship

This award is endowed by the Cooke family in memory of family members, several of whom were alumni of the University—Theodore F. Cooke, Sr. ’01, Robert G. Cooke ’25, Dorothy Cooke Robbins ’28, Theodore F. Cooke, Jr. ’34, Helen Cooke Rudzinski Hough, and Alma Cooke Kendall Bassett. Recipients of the cash prize of $1,000 are selected from among senior Commonwealth Honors College students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, successful completion of research, and significant university or community service.

Lawrence Payne ’77 Public Service Scholarship

This award was endowed by the Class of 1977 in memory of their classmate who graduated with Departmental Honors in Political Science. Mr. Payne died with Commerce Secretary Ron Brown in the 1996 plane crash in Croatia. Award recipients are selected from among senior Commonwealth Honors College students based on their academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to public service.

Howard H. Quint Memorial Prize In Honors

Established in memory of Professor Howard Quint, former History Department Chair and co-founder of the Honors Program, the prize of approximately $400 is awarded jointly by the History Department and Commonwealth Honors College. Candidates are nominated by faculty from among senior students enrolled in Commonwealth Honors College, based on the student's academic record through the junior year, and are invited to submit a writing sample as part of the application process.

Kenneth L. O'Brien Scholarship

First-, second- and third-year students who have completed at least one semester of college-level work and who participate in intercollegiate non-revenue "Olympic" sports at UMass Amherst are eligible to apply for the Kenneth L. O'Brien Scholarship. Preference will be given to students participating in cross country/track & field and in Commonwealth Honors College. This $1,000 scholarship was established by alumnus Peter Bloom in honor of his athletic coach, Kenneth O'Brien, and will be applied to the recipient's tuition and fees in the following academic year.