Why Establish a Scholarship Fund?
With a Dayton Foundation scholarship fund, you can help students achieve their educational goals and set them on a path for future success. You may tailor the award to fit your individual preferences, such as supporting students who are graduating from a specific high school, attending a particular college or university, or pursuing a specific field of study.

Each year, more than 1,200 students receive scholarships totaling more than $2.4 million from 290 scholarship funds at The Dayton Foundation and through the Dayton-Montgomery County Scholarship Program, a fund of the Foundation. For Dayton Foundation scholarships, we make the application process easy for students through ScholarshipCONNECT, an online scholarship management system that includes biographical information about each fund’s founder.

Consider a Scholarship Fund if You:

- Want an easy, personalized way to help others pursue their educational dreams.
- Want to support specific educational opportunities, an educational institution or a course of study.
- Wish to memorialize a loved one or honor a special achievement.
- Want to express your company or organization’s values by assisting employees or their dependents.

Getting Started Is Easy
Name your fund to recognize you, your family, a friend or an organization. Or, if you prefer, you may choose a name that ensures your anonymity. Our staff will work with you to determine your scholarship guidelines, including eligibility criteria and award use, as well as identify a diverse scholarship selection committee. You may serve on the selection committee, however you must have a minority vote with respect to the selection of award recipients per IRS regulations. We will issue
Born in 1915, Pearl A. Dale understood the importance of getting an education. She also was no stranger to the barriers African-Americans faced in the early 20th century.

After Pearl’s parents managed to send her and her two siblings to Kentucky State College, Pearl and her sister, Audrey, moved to Dayton to begin teaching in the Dayton Public Schools and later earned their master’s degrees. They enjoyed long careers in education, inspiring others through their teaching. Although they have since passed away, they continue to help students through the Pearl A. Dale and Audrey Parker Scholarship Fund of the African-American Community Fund, a component of The Dayton Foundation.

“Not many people are born into families with money, including me,” said Terrell, a scholarship recipient. “Thanks to this scholarship, I am achieving my goal of going to college. I know I will become a successful adult.”

**We’re here to help you help others:**

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