CORNERSTONE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Need-based financial aid makes a Sewanee education possible for most students. Scholarships make Sewanee competitive, allowing the University to continue to attract the best and brightest students to the Mountain regardless of their financial need. Cornerstone Scholarship donors make a direct connection between their gift and the impact it makes on an individual student and the University as a whole.

Over 96% of Sewanee students receive scholarship support, making funding for the University’s financial aid programs vitally important to Sewanee’s well-being. Sewanee is committed to offering aid to talented students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience a Sewanee education. Support of the Cornerstone Scholarship program enables Sewanee to enroll the highest quality students who will thrive here, those who will contribute to our community—and to the world—in exceptional and meaningful ways.

CORNERSTONE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT TWO LEVELS—$6,250 PER YEAR AND $10,000 PER YEAR—AND DONORS COMMIT TO GIVING AT THEIR CHOSEN LEVEL FOR FOUR YEARS.
Donors who fund a Cornerstone Scholarship have the opportunity to connect with the student they are supporting through the Benefactors’ Brunch and through personal correspondence. Because the Cornerstone Scholarship program is a four-year commitment, donors follow their student for that student’s entire time at Sewanee. This allows the donor to see how their student embraces the unique opportunities and transformative experiences Sewanee provides, while also teaching Cornerstone recipients about the importance and impact of philanthropy.

Funding a Cornerstone Scholarship has both an immediate impact on the scholarship recipient and a lasting effect on the University by allowing Sewanee to raise the academic profile of incoming students, increase diversity, recruit students with strong leadership skills, and remain attractive in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

**Giving Opportunities**

- Create a named Cornerstone Scholarship with a gift of $6,250 per year for four years, totaling $25,000.
- Designate recipient criteria such as regional origin (such as students from rural Tennessee) or academic interests (such as students interested in a STEM major) with a named Cornerstone Scholarship at the level of $10,000 per year for four years, totaling $40,000.

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*I would not be here had it not been for the generosity of those who provided my scholarship. I’m immensely grateful to Sewanee’s never-failing succession of benefactors for the education I will have received and the relationships that I have been able to forge on this campus.*—Alex Robinson, C’23, President of the Order of the Gown

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

- 96% of Sewanee students receive scholarship support.
- The average aid award for new students is $32,000.
- Sewanee provides more than $50 million in institutional aid to undergrads each year.

*For more information, email cornerstone@sewanee.edu.*