



# PHILLIPS UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE LEGACY SCHOLARS

## 2025-2026 PROGRAM PROFILE

The Phillips University Legacy Foundation is dedicated to developing leaders who transform the world through making higher education more accessible, affordable and transformative. Since 2001, the Foundation has awarded over \$3 million in scholarships to more than 300 students while also providing transformative opportunities for leadership development & community impact. The Undergraduate Legacy Scholar Program provides annual merit-based awards up to \$9,500 annually along with opportunities for leadership development, service, growth and community.

### THE PU LEGACY SCHOLAR SCHOLARSHIP

The annual award ranges from **\$7,500 to \$9,500 a year** and is renewable for a maximum of four years. The scholarship can be applied to tuition, books, room, board, and similar education expenses up to the institution's determined cost of attendance. In some cases, the award can be made as an educational loan repayment or towards a 529 plan.

### THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE & PROGRAM

All Legacy Scholars attend the leadership conference **the second weekend in October** from Thursday through Sunday. The annual conference includes opportunities for learning, growth, connection, and community building with other Legacy Scholars, mentors, alumni and staff. Travel, housing, meals, and program costs on site are fully funded, However, participants must arrange their own travel to and from the airport.

### THE VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP PROJECT

Scholars engage in a multi-year service-learning style project of their choice with the goal of **making an impact in their community while putting into practice critical leadership skills**. Projects involve work with community advisors, cohort mentors and staff. Scholars meet with their cohort 3-5 times online throughout the year and project time averages about 40-50 hours annually.

### PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

#### Minimum Requirements Include:

- Be enrolled at an eligible institution in the 2025-2026 academic year full-time (for a minimum of twelve hours each semester).
- Have an estimated college graduation date that is no earlier than December 2027 or May 2028 (usually a rising first-year or sophomore student).
- Be able and willing to participate fully in the program including but not limited to the Leadership Conference & Volunteer Leadership Project.
- Hold a strong academic record along with outstanding recommendations. The GPA minimum for applicants is a 3.0 unweighted average.
- Show involvement and leadership roles that shows a desire to learn, be challenged, and make a positive impact on their campuses and communities.

### ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

Barton College  
Bethany College  
Bushnell University  
Chapman University

Columbia College  
Culver-Stockton College  
Drake University  
Drury University

Eureka College  
Hiram College  
Jarvis Christian University  
Midway University

Texas Christian University  
Tougaloo College  
Transylvania University

University of Lynchburg  
William Woods University

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## ABOUT THE 2024-2025 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS

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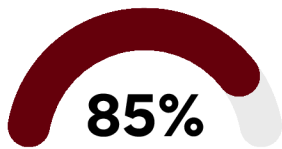
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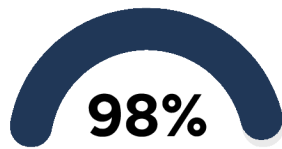
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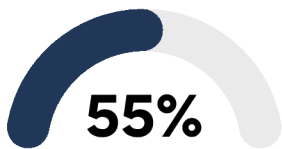
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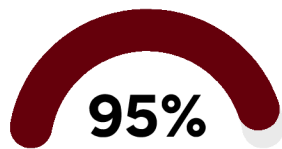
Held a leadership role in  
a club, activity, or  
community endeavor



Participated in civic or  
community service  
activities



Held internships, work or  
research focused on an  
area of interest



Took at least one  
advanced, honors, or  
specialized course

### SAMPLE VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP PROJECTS

#### BOOKS FOR UJIMA

Focus: Education & Literacy Access

Community Partner: Ujima Language and Literacy

#### CLOSE TO HOME, CLOSE TO HEART

Focus: Children's Health & Wellbeing

Community Partner: Cook Children's Hospital

#### FIGHTING ISOLATION & CARE DISPARITIES

Focus: Healthcare Access

Community Partner: HealthBridge Hospital

#### CREATING BUNDLES OF JOY

Focus: Children and Youth Poverty

Community Partner: California Family Life Center

#### LA FORET GARDEN PROJECT

Focus: Equitable Food Access

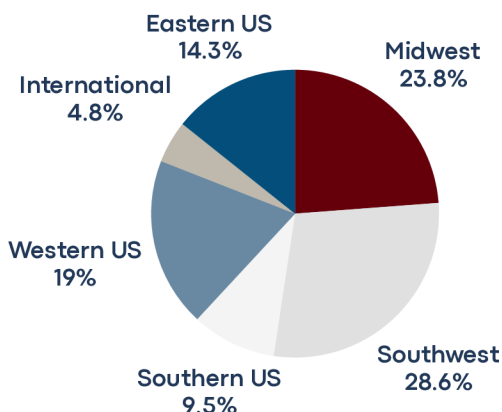
Community Partner: La Foret Retreat Center

#### LEAVE YOUR MARK ART SHOW

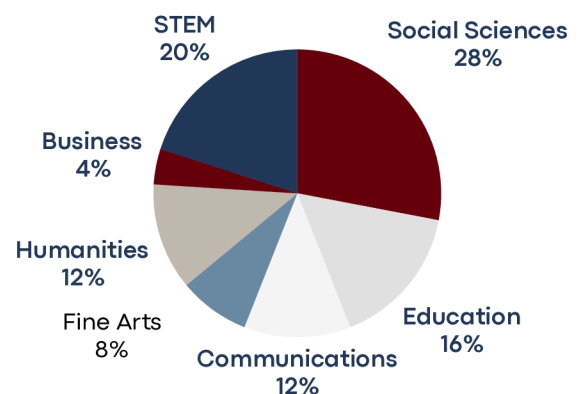
Focus: Community Art

Community Partner: Kendall Art Gallery

### WHERE THEY ARE FROM



### WHAT THEY STUDY



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **HOW MANY SCHOLARSHIPS AND HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU AWARD EACH YEAR?**

Undergraduate scholarships range from \$7,500 to \$9,500 annually. The Legacy Foundation tends to award between four and eight new undergraduate scholarships each year.

### **HOW CAN I ACCESS THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION?**

Beginning each January, the scholarship application will be accessible on our website. There, you'll discover a clickable link that will take you to the Foundation's Scholarship Portal for registration.

### **I AM AN UNDERGRADUATE WHO DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL AID. AM I STILL ELIGIBLE?**

The Legacy Foundation scholarship and programs are merit-based and not determined by financial need.

### **IS THERE A GPA MINIMUM?**

The program requires a 3.0 unweighted cumulative GPA minimum to apply. Unofficial transcripts must be uploaded, and official transcripts will be requested as needed.

### **WHAT DOES THE APPLICATION INCLUDE?**

Applications require basic personal and academic information as well as a resume, essay, outside recommendations as well as unofficial transcripts from your educational institutions.

### **I AM AN UNDERGRADUATE APPLICANT, AND MY INSTITUTION DOES NOT PROVIDE THE REQUIRED UNWEIGHTED GPA ON MY TRANSCRIPT. WHAT CAN I DO?**

Please have your school send a scanned and signed copy of a letter with the converted unweighted GPA on official letterhead to [scholarships@pulf.org](mailto:scholarships@pulf.org).

### **WHY ARE THE SCHOLARSHIPS ONLY FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOLS CURRENTLY OR HISTORICALLY AFFILIATED WITH THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)?**

As part of our work honoring the legacy of Phillips University, scholarships are designated for students attending colleges and universities much like Phillips which was affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

### **MUST I BE AFFILIATED WITH PHILLIPS UNIVERSITY OR THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) TO APPLY FOR THE UNDERGRADUATE LEGACY SCHOLARS PROGRAM?**

The program is open to all eligible applicants, and no particular affiliations are required. The Legacy Foundation strives for an inclusive environment throughout its programs while honoring its mission as well as the heritage and values of Phillips University. Please see our full non-discrimination statement on our website.

### **WHAT WILL MY SCHOLARSHIP PAY FOR?**

Scholarships may pay for tuition, room and board, books, fees and/or other related educational expenses. Funds are considered merit-based financial aid and, as such, are awarded without regard to financial need.

### **IF I RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP FOR ONE YEAR, WILL I AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE IT THE NEXT YEAR?**

The scholarships are renewable but require that students submit renewal applications/reports the following year.

### **WHAT IF, AS AN APPLICANT, I HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?**

For other questions, please email [scholarships@pulf.org](mailto:scholarships@pulf.org) or read the full FAQ on our website.