



CELEBRATING THE PAST AND PROPELLING THE FUTURE OF THE MIAMI UNIVERSITY STUDENT FOUNDATION

The Miami University Student Foundation (MUSF) began in 1972 to develop student leaders and provide support to past, present, and future Miamians through events, alumni outreach, and fundraising for scholarships. It was acknowledged by the University and became an official student organization during the 1973-1974 academic year. Throughout the decades MUSF has stayed true to its mission of “Students Helping Students: Past, Present, and Future” by sponsoring major campus programs, recruiting top caliber students, and raising thousands of dollars annually for undergraduate scholarships – all while cultivating leaders and strengthening the link between students and alumni.

As MUSF celebrates its 50th anniversary this year through various local and virtual events, culminating in an on-campus reunion during Alumni Weekend 2024, current and former Moose are invited to commemorate the golden occasion however they are able, whether as an event attendee, engaged community member, or donor to two priority initiatives:

Endowing MUSF Scholarships

Through fundraising events like the 20/20 Bike Race, Family Weekend Auction, and Chicago Bus Trips, MUSF generates profits (averaging \$20,000 per year) that are directed into the MUSF Scholarship Endowed Fund. The endowment has grown to over \$500,000, and the interest generated from the fund is used to



award eight \$2,500 scholarships each year. MUSF students are currently working toward a goal to fund two additional scholarships, ensuring that at least ten students will receive MUSF scholarships each year.

MUSF alumni want to help MUSF students take it a step further. **An ambitious but attainable goal to double the endowment to at least \$1 million** would enable the fund to distribute approximately \$40,000 each year, **providing 10 awards of \$4,000 annually**. This means each MUSF scholarship would cut the cost of in-state tuition for a student by almost 25%.

Bolstering Programmatic Support

MUSF has certain annual expenditures in order to support its activities, such as the purchase of team jerseys and warm-up equipment for the 20/20 race. Currently, members pay dues of \$50 per year to cover some of the costs. Additionally, the MUSF Program Support Fund was created and endowed to be used for member activities and programming each year so that the majority of the proceeds from fundraisers can go into the scholarship fund, rather than be used to underwrite the costs of events.

Our goal is to raise an additional \$100,000 for the MUSF Program Support Fund, so that in the future it would distribute enough money each year to eliminate the need to charge membership dues.

Join Us

We hope that you see a place for yourself to partner with us and co-invest in these funds in the spirit of “students helping students.”

This is a pivotal time to ensure our beloved program’s continued place of honor among Miami University’s student organizations for the benefit of future generations, and we need the partnership of alumni leaders like you.

You can play a critical role by making a gift to the above priorities to enhance the experience of MUSF students and the organization we hold dear, and by inviting your friends to join you in supporting the campaign.

Thank you for your consideration of participating in MUSF’s golden anniversary.



“Through our work with MUSF we developed skills for our future, formed lifelong friendships, and learned the importance of philanthropy. For many of us, this time was a defining experience of our volunteer careers. MUSF changed us for the better, and for that, we will always be grateful.”

– Bruce Henke, '72 and Lindsay Stewart, '22

MUSF Founding Committee Chair 1972-1973 and MUSF President 2021-2022, respectively



To explore the impact that you could have through a charitable gift to MUSF, please contact Lisa Sharpe, Director of Regional Development, Chicago, at sharpeld@miamioh.edu or 614-226-3643.

For love. For honor. **FOR THOSE WHO WILL.**