



Foundation Scholarship 2025-2026 Report



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Your scholarship support can be the difference between a student putting their education on hold or continuing toward a USF degree. By easing the pressure of tuition and living expenses, you give students more time to focus on their studies and pursue experiences that enrich their education, including internships, research and extracurricular activities.

Your gifts enable our scholars to work toward their educational goals, make the most of their college experience and live up to their promise. We are truly grateful to donors like you who empower our Bulls through scholarships.

Thank you for investing in their future.

Sincerely,
Jay Stroman
CEO, USF Foundation



Scholarships by the NUMBERS



101

Scholarships
established
in 2025-2026



\$16,179,780

Scholarship Dollars Raised



\$12,737,386

Awarded in Scholarships in 2025-2026

\$3,121

Average Award
per Student



Annual Cost for Florida Resident
Undergraduates Living On Campus

\$27,134

FY26 HIGHLIGHTS



COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

\$1.27 million awarded, which represents an increase of 26% from 2024-2025

COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL & COMMUNITY SCIENCES

30% increase in scholarship funding awarded

MUMA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

More than \$1.6 million awarded to Muma students across campuses, nearly a 30% increase from 2024-2025

COLLEGE OF DESIGN, ART & PERFORMANCE

20% increase in scholarship funding awarded, totaling more than \$358,000

LIBRARIES

80% increase in scholarship funding awarded

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Nearly \$1.5 million awarded, which represents a 91% increase from 2024-2025

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

89% increase in scholarship funding awarded, totaling \$78,750

USF ST. PETERSBURG

\$1.16 million awarded, the largest scholarship year on record



Generosity Creates Generations of Impact – The Lorri Anne Carpenter Scholarship

For Sarah Halil, earning a graduate degree at USF was about more than advancing her career. It was about creating new opportunities for herself and her daughter.

As a single mother balancing a full-time career with graduate studies in USF's Master of Science in Business Analytics and Information Systems program, Sarah remained focused on her goals despite the demands of work, family and school.

"Being a single mom gives me purpose," Sarah says. "I'm motivated by hope, a belief in something bigger and the drive to show my daughter what it means to work hard, stay focused, pursue your goals and keep going, even when it's hard."



Support from the Lorri Anne Carpenter Scholarship, established through a planned gift to benefit students pursuing degrees in business and journalism, helped make those goals possible. The scholarship eased the financial burden of graduate education, allowing Sarah to focus on her studies and graduate debt-free in 2023.

"I took my laptop to birthday parties and my daughter's swim practice, woke up at 5 a.m. most days and studied on weekends," she recalls. "Time management was my best friend."

Today, Sarah is advancing her career while mentoring students navigating challenges similar to those she faced. The scholarship's impact extends beyond her own success, inspiring her daughter to pursue her educational aspirations with confidence.

"I hope she remembers watching me push through the hard days and chooses to prioritize her own future," Sarah says. "I always tell her, 'Your education is yours, and no one can take that away from you.'"

Sarah's story reflects the transformational power of donor generosity. Through scholarships, students can pursue their education with greater confidence, graduate with less financial burden and create opportunities that positively impact their families and future generations.

Generosity Fuels Dreams

A record-breaking year of scholarship support in the USF Muma College of Business brought together more than 450 student recipients and the donors whose generosity is transforming lives. At the college's annual Scholarship Luncheon, a celebration of opportunity and achievement, students had the chance to personally thank the individuals and organizations investing in their futures.

More than \$1.5 million in scholarships were awarded this year, helping students reduce financial barriers, pursue leadership opportunities, and focus on achieving their academic and career goals.

Throughout the event, students shared powerful stories of perseverance and growth. MBA student and scholarship recipient Iryna Vasko reflected on how donor support served as a vote of confidence during challenging moments in her educational journey.

"Every challenge is an invitation to grow," she shared. "The journey has taught me that heroes aren't just found in stories. They're the people who lift others up, believe in their dreams, and help them rise above challenges."

Alumna Silvia Soto Avella (above), a first-generation college student and immigrant from Colombia, spoke about the transformative opportunities she



found at USF through mentorship, leadership development and scholarship support.

"What made USF invaluable were the opportunities beyond the classroom," she said, highlighting the experiences that helped launch her career and ultimately led her to Microsoft.

For many students, scholarships represent more than financial assistance. As scholarship recipient and event emcee Brian Stinson Jr. noted, donor support empowers students to dream bigger, pursue leadership opportunities and prepare for meaningful careers.

The luncheon served as a reminder that scholarships create far-reaching impact. Every donor contribution helps open doors to education, strengthens student success and inspires the next generation of business leaders. Through their generosity, donors are not only easing the burden of college costs, they are creating opportunities that empower students to thrive at USF and beyond.

Generosity Strengthens Communities

This spring, the School of Aging Studies welcomed students, donors, faculty and community partners to its annual Preceptors & Awards Reception, a celebration of achievement, generosity and the shared commitment to improving the lives of older adults. Several scholarship programs highlighted the powerful role philanthropy plays in student success.

During the event, 10 scholarship recipients were recognized for their academic excellence and dedication to careers in aging services, healthcare administration, public policy and research. Their achievements were made possible through donor-funded opportunities, including the Wiley P. Mangum Scholarship in Gerontology; Victor Molinari, PhD, Aging Studies Scholarship; Tollette Family Endowed Scholarship in Gerontology; and the H. Edward Greely and Mildred Greely Endowed Fellowship, among others.



Many of these students are already preparing to enter the workforce as future healthcare leaders, while others are pursuing advanced research that will help shape the future of aging policy and practice. Scholarships provide more than financial assistance. They create opportunities for students to gain specialized knowledge, pursue graduate education and develop the skills needed to address the evolving needs of an aging population.

The reception served as a powerful reminder that scholarship support is an investment not only in student success, but also in the future. Through the generosity of donors, the School of Aging Studies is developing the next generation of researchers, advocates and healthcare professionals. Their support not only transforms the lives of individual students but also strengthens aging care, research and community impact for years to come.

Every Mile Creates Opportunity

More than 350 runners, walkers and supporters came together this year for the fourth annual USF College of Nursing Scrub Run 5K, turning a morning of community and school spirit into meaningful support for nursing students.

The event brought together students, alumni, faculty, healthcare professionals, families and community partners with a shared goal: helping students overcome unexpected financial hardships that could derail their academic progress. Proceeds from the Scrub Run benefit the College of Nursing's emergency scholarship program, providing critical assistance when students need it most.

What began as a fundraising event has grown into a powerful demonstration of the USF community's commitment to student success.

Through race registrations, sponsorships and donations, supporters ensure that financial setbacks do not stand in the way of a student's dream of becoming a nurse.

The impact extends far beyond race day. Every contribution helps students remain focused on their education, persist through challenges and continue preparing for careers that will strengthen the healthcare workforce and serve communities across Florida and beyond.

The Scrub Run has become a powerful example of philanthropy in action, demonstrating how the USF community can unite around a shared purpose. Together, race participants, sponsors and donors are helping nursing students move forward with the resources and encouragement they need to succeed.



Student Impact

Achyut Thapa

R.H. Lesser Endowed Scholarship

“As an international student living in Tampa, it is always challenging due to high expenses. The scholarship has made me feel truly supported. I felt glad and reassured, as if there was another family helping me while I am far from home. It gave me a sense of care and belonging, which made my time at USF much easier and more comforting.”

CLASS OF
2026



Carol Agaiby

Chemistry Undergraduate Endowment Fund

“I wish donors knew that their generosity reaches students who are deeply committed to giving back. As a first-generation student raised by a single mother, I have always been mindful of financial limitations while pursuing my goals. This scholarship has not only eased that burden but has allowed me to continue mentoring other students and serving my community, reinforcing my commitment to one day becoming a compassionate physician who uplifts others.”

CLASS OF
2026



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2026



Janaja Rogers

Taylor Endowed Honors Scholarship

“This scholarship really changed how I’ve been able to move through my time at USF. Before, I felt like I was always trying to catch up, especially financially. Now, I’ve been able to breathe a little and be more present in everything I’m doing. Academically, it gave me the space to take school seriously instead of just surviving it. I can actually focus, participate and put real effort into my work without feeling stretched too thin.”



CLASS OF
2027



Edneron Jeanlouis

Annette L. Raymund Endowed Scholarship Fund

“This scholarship shaped my year because it gave me the chance to focus on my academics and finish off strong without having to worry about finances. When I earned the scholarship, I was struggling to figure out how I would pay the remaining tuition bill. Receiving the scholarship was a saving grace because it allowed me to stay present. I was able to get through that time because I knew it was going to work out.”



Alicia Correa

Richard and Melanie Gonzmart Endowed Scholarship

“I would like to thank my donors for the impact their scholarship has had on my life. Without them, I would not be able to afford college and pursue my dreams. I dream of moving on to medical school, which can be very expensive and academically straining. This scholarship eases any academic burden now so that I can focus on the future.”

CLASS OF
2029



Gabrielle Rampasard

Marcet Family Memorial Scholarship

“I was managing tuition on credit cards while living independently with limited family support. The expenses were overwhelming. Receiving this scholarship relieved a huge financial burden and meant I could focus on my education while still meeting my basic needs. It shows that someone believes in my goals and is willing to invest in my future. That support motivates me to keep pushing forward, especially during challenging times.”

CLASS OF
2028





This academic year, USF awarded

14,860 degrees

celebrating the achievements of Bulls who reached the finish line. Your generosity helped make these moments possible, creating opportunities that empower students to succeed today and lead tomorrow.