2019-20 SCHOLARSHIPS AT A GLANCE

113 NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

208 EAST TENNESSEE FOUNDATION (ETF) SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 203 STUDENTS ATTENDING DIFFERENT COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

$1.3 MILLION IS CURRENTLY COMMITTED TO ETF’S SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

250 SELECTION COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS HELPED SELECT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

I feel optimistic about the direction my education is leading me towards the future. My motivation for returning to school was to be an example, advocate, and voice for those who are unable to overcome the stigma associated with mental health problems.

I have openly revealed my past experience as a resident in a local homeless veteran’s program with staff members and my classmates when appropriate. When I completed the homeless veteran’s program, I moved into a roadside motel. After a little over a year, I was blessed with the opportunity to move into my own home. I have made remarkable progress over the past year, and I am grateful for all the support I have received.

Grants and scholarships have made it possible for me to continue with my education, and I am grateful for your generosity. I intend to continue to do my best to help others and work hard to finish my degree. Once again, thank you for your support; it is certainly appreciated.”

-COLONEL KURT DAVIS VETERAN’S SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

I received a scholarship in Johnson County from 2008-2012. I am extremely grateful for all your organization does, has done for me, and will do for others. I am ecstatic to be able to make donations now to assist other children. I just felt the need to let you know how absolutely critical you were for me and how much of a difference you have made.”

-JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

SINCE 1986

70 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AT ETF TO HELP FULFILL THE DREAMS OF STUDENTS WISHING TO OBTAIN A POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

$8 MILLION IN ETF SCHOLARSHIPS HAS HELPED OVER 1300 STUDENTS

ETF CURRENTLY ADMINISTERS APPROXIMATELY $21 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
THREE NEW AND UNIQUE ETF SCHOLARSHIPS LAUNCH IN 2020

THE HALEY ELISE VAN PELT SCHOLARSHIP
has been established to benefit students of any age seeking post-secondary education who have a permanent intellectual or developmental disability or functional impairment. These may include, but are not limited to a brain injury, musculoskeletal impairment, multiple traumas, neuromuscular disorders, such as multiple sclerosis or cerebral palsy, or stroke. Recipients may enroll in a Tennessee accredited, public or private two-year or four-year college/university, Tennessees College of Applied Technology, vocational program, trade school, or programs that help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities gain skills and make a successful transition from high school to adult life and/or empowers students to achieve gainful employment.

THE THOMAS DUANE EVANS MEMORIAL ANIMAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP
has been established to benefit graduating high school seniors from Chuckey-Doak High School in Greene County who intend to pursue a career related to animal science. Recipients may attend any accredited not-for-profit public or private college/university or vocational, technical, trade school, or program accredited by the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) or the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

THE JOSEY BAKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
has been established to benefit students from Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia pursuing a degree in agriculture or a construction-related field. Preference will be given to students seeking post-secondary education in Tennessee or Virginia.

Thank you for keeping my dreams of getting an education alive by awarding me this scholarship. Coming from a family of immigrants, and being a first-generation college student, and not getting federal help to afford college, this scholarship has been a blessing.”

-SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, KNOXVILLE 200TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

"Your generosity brings more than financial opportunity. It instills belief that people care, education matters, and opportunity is reachable. As a widowed single mom, this extra help is a blessing beyond measure. Your partnership in providing scholarships instills gratitude and inspiration that despite circumstances, things will be okay!"

-THE PARENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
DR. E. E. PERRY SCHOLARSHIP 2019 RECIPIENTS AND FUND ADVISORS: L TO R: WILLIAM HAMPTON, JACOB BLEVINS, EMILY JENKINS, ZACKARY OLIVER, CARMELLA PRICE, AND FRANK NEWMAN

GORDON W. & AGNES P. COBB SCHOLARSHIP 2019 RECIPIENTS: L TO R: JORDAN LYONS, KATIE FAIR, NEYLAND HARMON, CALEB PRATT, AND DEREK WENGER

SPENSER F. POWELL MEMORIAL LAW SCHOLARSHIP LAUNCHED IN 2019. FROM L TO R: NATHANIEL SHELSO, FUND ADVISOR; JULIA SLAGLE, FIRST-EVER RECIPIENT; AND MIKE MCCAMROCH

HAILEY BROOKS, NURSING STUDENT AT BELMONT UNIVERSITY, COBB SCHOLARSHIP 2017 RECIPIENT, AND GOVERNOR HASLAM APPOINTEE TO THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

STEVEN L. COFFEY MEMORIAL MIDDLE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP 2019 RECIPIENTS: L TO R: HAYDYN ALLRED AND EMILY BURRIS

STEVEN L. COFFEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2019 RECIPIENTS: L TO R: FATIMA ASAD, WILLIAM BROWN, AND JESSICA MEREDITH

MICHAEL DAVID GREENE SCHOLARSHIP 2019 RECIPIENTS: L TO R: NIKHIL PATEL AND LEAH ALSOBROOKS
**WHAT MAKES ETF SCHOLARSHIPS UNIQUE?**

**FLEXIBILITY** We meet with potential donors individually to discuss the process of establishing a scholarship fund and their preferred degree of involvement. We help them identify their scholarship goals and desired criteria to ensure the scholarship reflects their unique donor intent.

**STEWARDSHIP** All ETF scholarships are endowed so they are permanent and provide a legacy which serves future generations of students. ETF is committed to maintaining donor intent. To that end, ETF’s board of directors has the authority to exercise variance power. Variance power is a distinctive feature of community foundations, and its primary objective is to fulfill a donor’s original charitable intent as time goes by and circumstances change.

**CRITERIA** ETF scholarship eligibility requirements include a wide variety of criteria to enable traditional and non-traditional students from many counties and differing backgrounds, strengths, challenges, and interests to apply. ETF is one of a few programs to offer scholarship opportunities for part-time students, which is especially critical for adult students. ETF is also sensitive to students in the military, allowing members of the military to take leave of absences for military service or training while holding their scholarships to resume when they return.

**SELECTION** There are many factors that contribute to applicants’ unique circumstances and qualifications. Committees composed of educators, community volunteers, and subject matter experts consider a student’s whole picture when reviewing and comparing applications. This year we had over 250 selection committee volunteers!

**STUDENT SUPPORT** We truly believe in our ETF scholarship recipients. We give those who do not meet renewal requirements the chance to explain extenuating circumstances and to describe their plan to address their challenges. In addition, we advocate for our recipients with educational institutions, when needed, to maximize their scholarship benefits.

**ASSESSING NEEDS** We continually seek input regarding scholarship needs of traditional and non-traditional aged students. We are able to share insights gained with prospective donors so the scholarships they establish may address the needs of the students in our region.

**BEST PRACTICES** ETF keeps current with nationally recognized best practices. Through membership in the National Scholarship Providers Association, we stay abreast of scholarship-related topics and trends, and ETF maintains compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.

**MEASURING IMPACT** Through exit interviews, scholarship recipient forms, and conversations, ETF collects, analyzes, and reports data on the impact of scholarship programs.

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**IF YOU HAVE A DREAM OF FURTHERING THE EDUCATION OF OTHERS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, PLEASE CONTACT**

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“Being a single parent without a degree has precipitated financial difficulties and has limited employment opportunities. Thank you for investing in transitioning single parents pursuing a career in social work such as myself. Other than merely articulating my gratitude, I intend to show it by continuing my service in the community through my work, which is investing in others as you have so generously invested in me.”

-ELLYN LANCASTER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT