

Phillips University Legacy Scholars Undergraduate Program

**APPLY NOW FOR THE
2025-2026 COHORT**

Legacy. Scholarship & Support



Carrying on the legacy of Phillips University, renewable merit-based scholarship awards between \$7,000 and \$9,500 annually are made to undergraduates attending colleges and universities currently or historically affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Leadership, Service & Community



Leadership programs such as the Annual Leadership Conference & the Volunteer Leadership Project provide opportunities to strengthen leadership skills, connect with peers, work with alumni mentors, and make an impact on campuses and communities.

How to Apply



The application, resume, references and essay along with other required materials can all be submitted through the online application portal.

Important Deadlines



All materials including external references & transcripts are due no later than **March 21st, 2025**. The new Legacy Scholar cohort will be announced between April 18th - 22nd, 2025.





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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UNDERGRADUATE LEGACY
SCHOLARS IN 2024-2025

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AVERAGE ANNUAL NEW COHORT
SIZE PER ENTERING YEAR



BY THE NUMBERS

85%

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

98%

Participated in civic or
community service
activities

55%

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

95%

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 Childrens 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

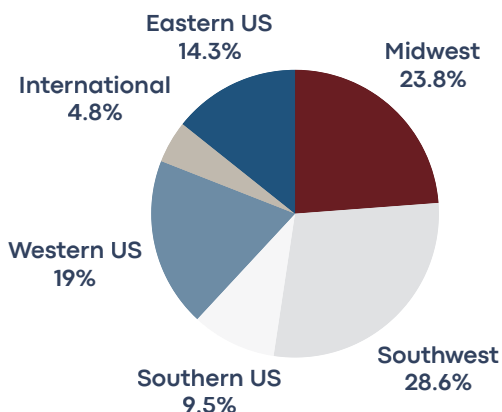
Community Partner: La Foret Retreat Center

LEAVE YOUR MARK ART SHOW

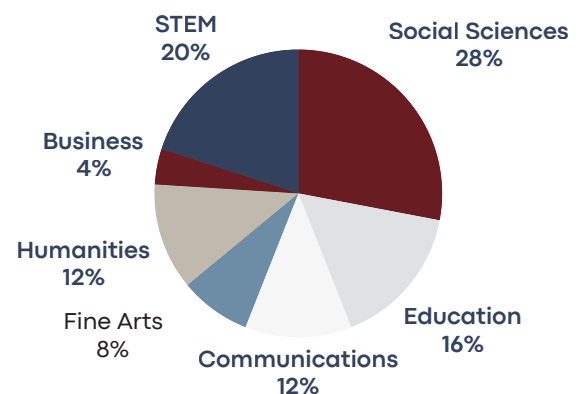
Focus: Community Art

Community Partner: Kendall Art Gallery

WHERE THEY ARE FROM



WHAT THEY STUDY



PHILLIPS UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE LEGACY SCHOLARS

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.

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 or read the full FAQ on our website.