

Scholarships Ignite Potential



Be *Brilliant.* Be *Bold.*

The Campaign for St. Thomas

Because the world needs more *Tommies*.

Students arrive at St. Thomas full of potential - curious, driven and ready to grow.

We believe character, talent and potential - not financial circumstance - should shape a student's future. Scholarships make that belief real.

That's why scholarships are priority one in Be Brilliant. Be Bold. The Campaign for St. Thomas.

They ignite the potential Tommies carry within them.

Priority One
our *Stu*



Students

What distinguishes St. Thomas is what students do once they *arrive*.

Our students tackle real challenges, launch ideas, build organizations and make an impact long before they graduate.

Scholarships make possible the opportunities that define St. Thomas: belonging, vocation, innovation and leadership for the common good.

Students from many backgrounds and experiences come to St. Thomas and graduate prepared to lead, serve and strengthen the communities where they live and work.

The best way to support Tommies and extend the mission of St. Thomas is through *scholarships*.





the need is *great*.

the opportunity is *greater*.

Archbishop John Ireland founded St. Thomas so that immigrants and working people could pursue higher education to advance themselves and their families. This was an entrepreneurial act of faith: Investing in an idea whose fullest impact he could not see.

Access is central to our mission.

Even after financial aid, grants, loans, work study and family contributions, many students still face financial gaps.

For some, it affects whether they enroll. For others, financial gaps determine whether they can live on campus, take part in internships or research, balance work and academics, graduate on time, or even stay in school.

Scholarships are an act of faith that tells students: someone believes in who you are -- and who you can become.

That message matters.

Scholarships are the engine that drives our impact. The St. Thomas mission to create traction in the real world through the gift of scholarships, making it possible for talented, hard-working students to discover their purpose, their reason, and develop a sense of meaning and purpose in their lives. These scholarships will always remain priority one.

-President Rob Vischer

Be Brilliant. Be Bold. will support:

- More than 15,000 students during the campaign
- More than 1,500 students per year now and forever (permanent scholarships)

99%

*Students receive
scholarships or financial aid*

\$190M

*Awarded annually in scholarships,
grants and financial aid*

Remaining unmet need across the
university during any given year is

\$20-30M

40%

*Undergraduates still
have unmet need*

\$10K

*Average annual need for
students with financial gaps*

***Thomas mission gains
making it possible
e, grow in faith and
lives. This is why***



Where potential becomes impact

A scholarship gives students more than access to a classroom.

It creates the freedom to participate more fully in the experiences, relationships and opportunities that shape a St. Thomas education.

Students who thought they would never travel abroad, land a prized internship or work on cutting-edge research instead see opportunities unfold before them.

Where there was darkness and uncertainty, a scholarship illuminated the path ahead.



80%

of graduates from the Class of 2025 completed at least one internship before graduation.

Entrepreneurship & Innovation

Tommies work alongside entrepreneurs, startups, and growing businesses, helping solve real challenges while developing the creativity and problem-solving skills that define the St. Thomas experience.



Interprofessional Center for Counseling and Legal Services

Students in Law, Psychology and Social Work provide coordinated legal and mental health support for individuals navigating housing instability, immigration challenges and barriers to care.



Experience In Action

A National Stage

Emerging Media students help produce Division I athletics content, with their work appearing in national broadcasts across television, streaming and digital platforms.



Maxfield Collaborative & Summer to the Max

Teacher candidates from the School of Education are co-educators in St. Paul classrooms, supporting students and families while gaining meaningful teaching experience.



A criminal justice major from Arizona, Stewart used his St. Thomas education to cultivate community and live his commitment to the common good.

A recipient of the Next Generation Endowed Scholarship and the Mikulay/Misencik Endowed Scholarship in Criminal Justice, Stewart built a St. Thomas experience shaped by leadership and justice-focused inquiry.

Stewart was a resident adviser, worked in the Dean of Students Office, the Center for Common Good, and volunteered with Catholic Charities and Habitat for Humanity.

St. Thomas was the place where Stewart connected social justice and community to classrooms, on-campus jobs and leadership opportunities. Scholarship support helped him pursue those experiences while preparing him for graduate study in sociology, law school and a future career in advocacy.



Jack Taggart

Ariah Crosby '27 is using her St. Thomas education to explore how schools, systems and public policy can better serve young people.

Crosby has already contributed to criminal justice reform research, mentorship in K-12 schools and statewide conversations about equity in school surveillance technology.

Crosby came to St. Thomas as a Ciresi Walburn Leadership Fellow - one of the largest scholarships at our university - and she capitalized on that opportunity.

Her work has earned national recognition through the Obama-Chesky Voyager Scholarship, reflecting both her leadership potential and her commitment to advancing the common good.

With faculty mentorship from Associate Professor Chelda Smith Kondo, Crosby is connecting academic study with meaningful societal change.

potential in practice

Augie Stewart



Taggart's engineering formation took him into real-world innovation. Selected for the Innovation Scholars team, he researched Mayo Clinic patent technology and helped develop a commercialization proposal -- experience at the intersection of health care, business and engineering.

As a board member of the Aquinas Scholars program, he co-founded a peer mentor program to connect Aquinas Scholars across campus and class years.

Taggart co-founded the St. Thomas Pinky Swear PACK, supporting children with cancer and their families through fundraising, advocacy and service. The group raised money and organized campus food drives for families facing the financial and emotional burden of pediatric cancer.

A Tommie Ambassador, engineering teaching assistant, RapidProto lab manager, pep band tuba player and Swing Dance Club participant, Taggart brought energy and purpose to each role he took on.

Ariah Crosby



The return on *potential*

Scholarships make a life-changing St. Thomas education possible - one student, one family, one future at a time.

That investment helps prepare graduates to think critically, work skillfully and lead ethically in their professions, their communities and an increasingly connected world.

The effects continue long after graduation.

They live on in boardrooms, startups, clinics, labs, nonprofits and communities strengthened by Tommies committed to advancing the common good.

98%

*employed or in graduate school
within six months*

89%

*had secured their jobs
by graduation*

80%

*of graduates see their earning potential
as higher than the household in which
they grew up*

\$70.5K

*average starting salary for
undergraduate alumni*

Source: First Destination Survey, Class of 2025





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Immediate *support*. Instant *impact*.

Your scholarship gift lights the path from *almost* to everything St. Thomas has to offer.

Annual scholarships provide immediate support that helps students enroll, persist and participate more fully in the experiences that define a St. Thomas education.

They can help students:



Reduce work hours



Live on campus



Study abroad



Pursue internships
or research



Focus more fully on
academics and
discernment

Annual scholarships create visible, immediate impact
at any level of support.

scholarships

Timely support. Tangible impact.



This scholarship will not only allow me to focus even more on my education, but it also opens the door for me to give back, serve and help strengthen the community. I am honored to use this opportunity to create lasting, positive change.

Keyon Archer
First-Year Student
Mechanical Engineering major

*Ciresi Walburn Leadership
Fellows Scholarship
Program*



I am incredibly grateful to be the recipient of this scholarship! Your generous support inspires me to work hard both on and off the court and encourages me to grow as both a student-athlete and a person. Thank you for believing in my potential and investing in my future—your kindness truly makes a difference.

Alyssa Sand
Junior
Exercise Science major

*Sue Elizabeth Arrell
Memorial Annual Scholarship
for Athletics*



As a student who works long hours to pay for school, it is often hard to maintain balance. This scholarship buys me more time to pursue my studies, focus on becoming a CPA and use my knowledge to make a difference in my community.

Megan Day
Senior
Accounting major

*Kristin R. Reller Memorial
Annual Scholarship; Julie T.
Kunkel Annual Scholarship*



Endowed scholarships grow into big *opportunities*

A permanent investment in future Tommies.

Endowed scholarships fuel generations of students.

With an endowed scholarship, part of the gift supports students each year, while the remainder stays invested to grow over time. The result is a permanent source of funding to provide scholarships forever.

For many students, endowed scholarship support becomes part of their life story - the moment someone believed in their potential.

Endowed scholarships create reliable support and long-term affordability for the St. Thomas experience.

Permanent *support.* Personal *impact.*



I work as a biochemistry research lab assistant, volunteer as an EMT, coach youth soccer and tutor kindergarten students at St. Peter Claver. This scholarship allows me to continue pursuing pre-med studies and stay involved in the St. Thomas community.

Matthew Higley
Sophomore
Biochemistry major

James E. and Kathleen C. O'Phelan Endowed Scholarship



St. Thomas has given me incredible opportunities to research topics I care about, from agricultural robotics to emerging technology in quantitative finance. With this scholarship, I will study engineering in South Korea, broaden my global perspective and grow across cultures.

Zoe Olson
Senior
Computer Engineering and Finance major

Thyken Scholarship for the Advancement of Technology

Class of 2011 Study Abroad Endowed Scholarship

Alicia Dudley Geiger Endowed Scholarship



Being able to experience the 480 Collective [a student-run music label] as an employee and as an artist signed to the label with my band Brunch, I have learned how to work in the music industry and collaborate with my peers to create a professional environment that works efficiently and productively.

Gideon Palmer
Junior
Music Business major

Stanley F. Ryan Scholarship for the Arts

Ignite the torch that lasts a lifetime

A scholarship does more than change a student's experience at St. Thomas.

Its effects continue across families, communities and generations.

Long after graduation, Tommies carry forward the opportunity someone gave them - through the lives they lead, the people they serve and the communities they strengthen.

One generation helps the next.

One Tommie helps another.

This is how scholarships ignite potential.



Scholarships meant that I had access to education. That support reflected back to me that I was good enough, that I could do it, and had a community around me.

Chad Lorenz

A 4X Tommie: '04, MA '06, PSD '11, MBA '15

Scholarships absolutely made the difference between being able to come to St. Thomas and not. Those donors changed the entire trajectory of my life, and I hope they know that.

Colleen Lorenz

'04, MBA '18

“We’re inspired to give back with a scholarship, because we know that it’s an investment in students, and it’s also an investment in our professional community.

We hire St. Thomas students for a variety of roles, and we host clinical placements for students in that stage of their education. But a scholarship to help them to get to that point in the first place just as important.”

In the caring and entrepreneurial spirit of St. Thomas, Chad and Colleen founded a multi-disciplinary psychotherapy practice. Recently, they created the Lorenz Family Endowed Scholarship for graduate students in psychology.





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