

# CMU FOUNDATION

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The Colorado Mesa University Foundation was established in 1961 to solicit and receive charitable gifts for the institution. Today, the Foundation has established an endowment of more than \$49 million. It has over 370 named foundation scholarships which provide more than \$3.3 million in financial aid to CMU students every year.

The CMU Foundation is a non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors. The board is comprised of talented and successful business and community leaders who recognize the University's pivotal role in the future of our state and wish to aid deserving students at Colorado Mesa University. This group, which functions independently of the University, raises funds for scholarships. The organization is also active in raising substantial gifts to support academic programs and capital expansion. Foundation leadership works closely with the University President to help address the institution's advancement priorities. The CMU Foundation serves as a charitable non-profit organization under Internal Revenue Service 501 (c) (3) designation, and retains fiduciary responsibility for the investment of the funds entrusted to it. Visit [Supporting CMU](#) for more information.

## Foundation Scholarships

In addition to institutional scholarships, many scholarships and awards have been established for students of the University through philanthropic gifts from individuals and organizations who recognize the importance of Colorado Mesa University. The amounts of the awards vary, but all are designed to apply toward tuition and fees. Visit [CMU and Donor Scholarships](#) to apply or contact the Financial Aid office for more information.