Student Aid Funds are an appealing way for individuals, families, businesses and other groups of people to support education and strengthen the community. Whether you create a new scholarship program or contribute to one of the many existing ones, your gift can help students achieve their lifetime dreams.

How it Works:

- You make a gift to the Foundation — you may give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets.
- We establish a Fund in your name, in the name of your family or business, or in honor of a person or organization you choose.
- Our staff helps you to determine eligibility requirements — whether they are based on a student’s field of study, academic achievements, extracurricular activities, financial need, background, or geography.
- We handle all the administrative details and award aid to deserving students in the name of the fund you establish.
- Your fund is pooled with the Foundation’s other endowment scholarship funds and invested. Over time, earnings from your fund are used to make awards. Your gift and all future earnings from your gift are a permanent source of community capital, helping to accomplish good work forever.
- You receive tax benefits in the year(s) your gift(s) are made.
- You receive updates on the impact your gift is making in our community.

A Student Aid Fund begins with a gift of $50,000, which can be grown over five years.

Valuing Education

Shirley Speiwak was a remarkable woman whose life spanned almost the entire twentieth century. She valued education and understood how financial constraints could hamper students from achieving their educational goals.

When planning her estate, Mrs. Speiwak wanted to help “fill the gap” for college students. With the help of the Student Aid Fund established by Mrs. Speiwak, the Albuquerque Community Foundation awards over 130 grants annually for New Mexico students attending college and in need of a little help to make ends meet.

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Ten reasons to give through your community foundation

1. We are a local organization with deep roots in the community.
2. We have broad expertise on community issues and needs.
3. We provide highly personalized service tailored to your charitable and financial interests.
4. Our funds help people invest in the causes they care about most.
5. We accept a wide variety of assets and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.
6. We partner with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.
7. We offer maximum tax advantage for most gifts under state and federal law.
8. We multiply the impact of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.
9. We build endowment funds that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.
10. We are a collaborative community leader, coordinating resources to create positive change.

The Albuquerque Community Foundation provides a simple, powerful and highly personal approach to giving. We offer a variety of giving tools to help you achieve your charitable goals.

You can make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate or other assets to the community foundation. Most charitable gifts qualify for maximum tax advantage under federal law. For more information and ideas on ways to integrate your financial planning with charitable giving, ask your financial or estate advisor and contact us.