The Scholarship Challenge

UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS THROUGH FINANCIAL AID

“Without financial aid, I would not be here in the first place. I would not be able to pursue the path I’m pursuing, hopefully as a physician or a researcher, or maybe both. I’m super grateful.”

—STEVEN SCHWAB, A20, DOLAN FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Tufts is committed to affording access to exceptional students based not on their ability to pay, but on their ability—pure and simple. Thanks to generous scholarships, that commitment remains true. Support from alumni, parents, and other donors helps make possible a vibrant intellectual and diverse community where students can deepen and broaden their lives, their perspectives, and their dreams. Strengthening resources for financial aid is among the top priorities of Brighter World: The Campaign for Tufts.

An exciting new Scholarship Challenge aims to ensure that a Tufts education is accessible and affordable to talented students. Funded with $8.5 million in gifts from two couples, both parents of Tufts students and one a Trustee, the challenge will match dollar-for-dollar endowed scholarship gifts of $50,000 to $500,000. Your gift, doubled in value, will also double its impact in benefiting future generations of Jumbos.
Endowed scholarships enable the university to support students for generations to come. Endowed scholarship funds are invested, with an established percentage of the income given to students each year.

“We were inspired to offer this Scholarship Challenge in the hope of creating opportunities for outstanding students to attend Tufts regardless of financial resources. It’s a way for all of us to come together to support individual students and sustain the open and diverse Tufts student body.”
—ANONYMOUS TUFTS TRUSTEE AND PARENT

The Tufts Promise

For generations, we have worked hard to ensure that talented students, regardless of their financial means, could access a Tufts education, and we’re proud of that history. Today, Tufts anchors that core value in a promise: 100 percent of an undergraduate’s demonstrated financial need will be covered for all four years of college, even if the student’s financial situation changes.

“I am a first-generation student, and attending college was always a dream of mine. Being at Tufts has opened my eyes, as well as given me opportunities I would not have received anywhere else. I am truly grateful for my scholarship because it helps me receive such a high-level education with the goal of bettering myself.”
—SARA BLAKE, E21, DIEFENDERFER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
Far-Reaching Impact

Financial aid made a Jumbo impact on the Garcia family and brothers Abdiel, A14, and Erick, E17. Through scholarships, their parents received the help they needed to put two sons through college at the same time, which allowed the brothers to focus on their studies and translate that to real-world impact.

Abdiel transformed his passion into practice by teaching language and literacy skills to preschoolers in Somerville, and Erick took his engineering knowledge to local fourth graders through STOMP (Student Teacher Outreach Mentorship Program). Abdiel and Erick took the knowledge they gained at Tufts to start their students’ journeys to a brighter world.

The Difference You Make

For so many students, their journeys are made possible thanks to Tufts’ commitment to access.

For academic year 2020:

- Tufts’ financial aid budget is $96,168,000 and has grown every year.
- The average Tufts grant is $43,700.
- The percentage of undergraduates receiving Tufts grants is 37%.

“We want to make Tufts accessible to a broad range of students, as we believe in the education Tufts offers, and we believe that a diverse student body is vital for society. That is why we support this Scholarship Challenge, and we encourage alumni, parents, and others to join us.”

—Anonymous Parents, E18P, A20P
Through the Scholarship Challenge, you will create life-changing educational experiences for future generations of Tufts students.

• An endowed scholarship gift of $50,000 to $500,000 will be matched on a 1:1 basis.

• Leadership Annual Fund gifts must also be made.

• Gifts may be pledged for up to five years and applied to new or existing endowed scholarship funds.

• This challenge applies exclusively to undergraduate endowed scholarships in the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Engineering.

Your gift to Tufts is the key to changing students’ lives—and the world. We hope you’ll consider joining the Scholarship Challenge, along with other alumni, parents, and friends.

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