



## **PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES — EXCELLENCE IN ACTION**

Students enrolled in PSC Career and Technical Certificate (Vocational Certificate), Advanced Technical Degree and Advanced Technical Certificate programs are currently ineligible for Federal financial aid due to the short timeframe of those programs. Yet certificates in key vocational and health science areas often allow graduates to attain higher wage careers and can help employees advance in their current roles. For our community, critical shortages of certified talent in the health sciences and vocational areas will continue if we cannot bolster interested students by providing financial support for these programs.

In the 2018-19 academic year, enrollment in non-Pell eligible programs totaled 556. Since the students (enrolled in 1,711 courses over the year) could not receive federal financial aid, many either incurred debt or paid cash for the \$546,031 in course fees. Only \$133,385 was paid through scholarships or awards (including veteran and military aid.) The remaining \$412,645 was a burden for students pursuing a degree or vocational certificate/program. Foundation awards represented only \$43,865 of the total. Raising \$500,000 in scholarships for non-Pell eligible programs will help PSC students pursuing an education in key vocational and certificate programs where CareerSource EscaRosa projects an average 16% growth.

<b>Enrollment in Non-Pell Eligible Programs</b>	
<b>2018-2019 Academic Year</b>	<b>Students 556</b>
Registered Nurse Applicant	160
Sonography Applicant	35
Phlebotomy Vocational Certificate	29
Perioperative Nursing Advanced Technical Certificate	11
36 Other Certificate and Applicant Areas	321

### **SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT:**

**“Thank you very much for being generous enough to provide scholarship funds for those of us in need of a little help. I'm part of the generation that finished college right as the recession hit, so I entered the job force at the bottom of the ladder with minimal pay. I'm currently working a decent enough job but I'm not happy there and I'm only making enough money to cover the bills and the basic necessities. I decided to go back to school and study something a little more practical, hoping to get on track to a solid career. I've got one semester left of the Crime Scene Technician program and once I graduate I can use the certificate along with my Biology degree to get a job in a crime lab. Thanks to you I'll be able to keep up my 4.0 GPA because I can focus on my studies instead of worrying about how to pay for tuition and books.”**

— Krystal, Pursuing a Certificate as a Crime Scene Technician

## YOU CAN HELP

**One-time Scholarship Funds:** One-time scholarship awards will be designated to the Foundation's Universal Scholarship Fund. The scholarship award may be made in the name of a specified person and the donor may choose criteria for the award.

**Named Annual Scholarship Funds:** A minimum donation of \$5,000 is required to establish and name an annual scholarship. An annual scholarship fund provides awards to current students within an academic year with no long-term investment of money used to establish the fund.

**Endowed Scholarship Funds:** Endowed scholarships can be established with a single payment or the fund can be built with payments over a period of ten years to reach the minimum level of \$20,000. The fund will pay an annual distribution that will be used as the scholarship award.

In addition to naming the scholarship fund, the donor may choose awarding guidelines for how any distributed funds will be used. In addition to academic scholarships, scholarships created for the purpose of helping working students with supplies noted on the syllabi are beneficial.

Scholarships can be combined with other gifts to create programmatic or building naming opportunities.

### Every Gift Has a Story and Leaves a Lasting Legacy!

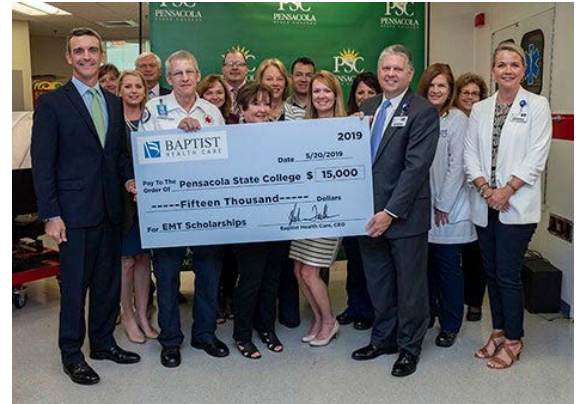


**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT**

"Financial assistance allowed me to concentrate more of my time on studying. Thank you for your support and making this possible for me. I will continue to work hard in hopes that one day I will be able to help others in the way donors helped me."

**BRITTNEY FOLEY**  
RN NURSING GRADUATE  
MCDONALD'S HOSPITALITY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP  
40 & 8 NURSING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

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At Pensacola State College, the Foundation manages 250 scholarships that have been privately funded as a legacy that over 258 donors have helped create. Through these scholarships, 175 that are endowed, donors have supported the passions and interests of students who apply for financial assistance.

In 2018, the impact these donors created was felt by the students who were helped with awards that exceeded \$660,000.

**52% of awards (\$346,174) were made possible because of endowed scholarships that will be available into perpetuity.**