



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

Students enrolled in PSC’s new Truck Driver Training program will have to complete the 320-hour program without the benefit of federal financial aid. Though a CDL can provide graduates from the program with higher paying jobs, they may struggle to manage the cost for the Commercial Vehicle Driving course (\$4,840). The President of PSC, Dr. Ed Meadows, admits the price for the course and lab fees is “quite high,” but says the fee is still less expensive than most private training schools.

The 2018 median pay for heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers was \$21 an hour, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which also forecasts a 6% growth in the profession from 2016 to 2026. In a January 2019 article published in USA Today, Walmart is hiring hundreds more truck drivers for positions paying nearly \$90,000.

PSC purchased one 53-foot, cab-and-trailer training vehicle through a Governor’s Job Growth Grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. A second trailer-truck was donated recently by the local beverage distributor, the Lewis Bear Co. Both vehicles will be used to train students in a variety of needed skills, from driving and safety techniques to cargo handling and document procedures. Students in the program will drive at least 1,000 miles in training. When students complete the 320-hour Commercial Vehicle Driving course, they should have all the tools they need to earn a Florida Class A Commercial Driver License. The costs for the course sections above are comprehensive and include materials.

<b>Costs to Students Enrolled in the Program</b>	
Commercial Vehicle Driving I - 80 hours	\$700
Commercial Vehicle Driving II – 80 hours	\$1,345
Commercial Vehicle Driving III – 80 hours	\$1,020
Commercial Vehicle Driving IV – 80 hours	\$1,775
<b>Total Cost of Tuition, Fees, Certification</b>	<b>\$4,840</b>

**“As a local business owner of two major moving companies in the Pensacola area I am thrilled to hear PSC will be building a training center for CDL drivers. CDL drivers are few and far between and we need a reliable training center in Pensacola. The majority of the drivers we deal with are in their 40’s or older. We need to show the younger generation that having a CDL can be life changing. The average hourly rate for our Class A drivers is \$21.50 an hour and we need 4-5 more.”**

Jay Bradshaw, Owner, Coastal Moving and Storage



## 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.

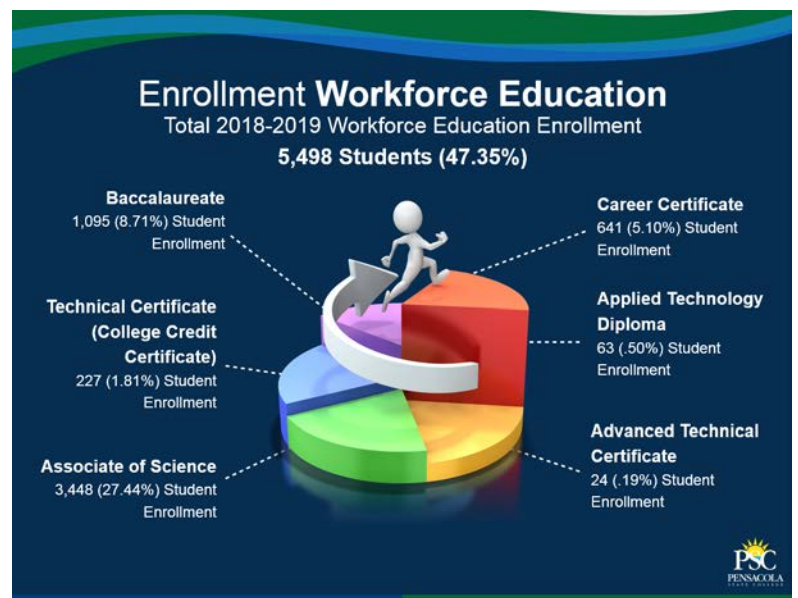
In addition to naming the scholarship fund, the donor may choose awarding guidelines for how any distributed funds will be used. In addition to academic scholarships, scholarships created for the purpose of helping working students with supplies noted on the syllabi are beneficial.

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

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

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.

For students pursuing education to further their career, the need for scholarships can mean the difference in long-term financial stability for their entire family. You can join the current scholarship donors whose generosity helped fund \$660,000 in donations in 2018.



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