Our mission at Rochester College is the same for all students — we want them to be light within their chosen fields of study. Our culture desperately needs to see the light of God shining into the dark crevices of society. To that end, we want to provide pathways for students from all walks of life to become beacons of hope. Students who understand principled character, servant leadership and global awareness can have significant influence, illuminating the principles of Christ within their personal, business and family lives.

Graduates of Rochester College are making a difference: business majors who understand their roles within their companies beyond charts and numbers, nurses who embrace more than physical healing as they care for patients, teachers who are role models imparting knowledge, acceptance and love.

Rochester College has worked diligently to hold down the cost of tuition. As a private institution, we do not receive assistance from state and federal sources. It is only by the sacrificial donation of others that we can equitably compete. Many donors partner with us by offering scholarships to help students enroll.

**Note from a Scholarship Recipient**

“I am very excited and thankful to be the first recipient of your scholarship. Your generous gift helped me during my time of need. When I first received your scholarship, I was on the verge of being homeless due to my place of business closing its doors. Your gift kept a roof over my head, and kept me on my mission to become a disciple of Christ. I will never forget your generosity and your kind heart as a Christian.” – Michael C.

Scholarships are a great tool to provide a link between your personal desire to help in our mission and the needs of different students. Currently, Rochester College offers nearly 80 types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students.
Scholarships can be structured on a particular academic area, region of the country, extracurricular activity or church affiliation. Many have chosen to fund scholarships in their own names or the name of a loved one, creating a legacy for an individual’s light to have lasting brilliance.

Donors can also decide whether they want to create an endowed scholarship as well. Funds are donated and accumulated over a period of time. Once a $10,000 level of funding is reached, distributions are made from the scholarship fund based on the earnings (interest or dividends). This protects the principal and ensures the scholarship can be awarded year after year.

Annual scholarships make up a large portion of our financial aid awards. Each year Rochester College awards nearly $2.7 million in scholarships (endowed and annual). This amount offsets only about 25 percent of the cost of tuition for our students.

We cannot do this alone. To achieve our mission, we need your help. Let us work together to fulfill our mission by matching your passion with the needs of students. Join us by establishing a scholarship in your own name or the name of a loved one. Please consider a gift of $1,000, $5,000 or even $10,000.

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven—Matthew 5:16, NIV