Legacy Endowed Scholarships

“A Legacy Endowed Scholarship allows donors to have a direct impact in a way that is meaningful to them with current students, while at the same time providing endowed funds that support the law school and secure the legacy of the gift forever. For me, this type of scholarship is the most efficient and worthwhile way that donors can provide benefits to as many deserving students as possible for as long as possible.”

—Virginia Nelson ’79 (JD)

Now more than ever, your support of scholarships can have a profound impact on USD School of Law. The Comprehensive Campaign has heightened its focus on providing multi-year scholarships to ensure that qualified students from all backgrounds have the opportunity to come to USD School of Law and graduate without excessive debt burdens that limit their opportunities to pursue the legal careers of their choosing.

Scholarships at USD School of Law can be the deciding factor for prospective and current students, as well as play an integral role in improving the national reach and reputation of the law school.

For more information, contact Debbie Rider, Director of Development, at 619-260-5955.
Why Current-Use Scholarships Matter

- Recruit and retain top students
- Enable USD to increase cultural and economic diversity
- Develop a well-rounded, diverse student body
- Lessen student debts, thus enabling students to pursue the career paths of their choosing

Why Endowed Scholarships Matter

- Provide for future and long-range planning of the law school
- Ensure the law school is well equipped to retain and recruit top students for generations to come
- Secure on-going mission of the law school
- Help to meet the growing financial needs of the law school while simultaneously lessening the need for increased tuition

Legacy Scholarship Plans

$25,000 Pledge

$5,000 annual named scholarship X 5 years for current year distribution = $25,000

$75,000 Pledge*

$5,000 annual named scholarship X 5 years for current year distribution = $25,000
$10,000 annual endowment contribution X 5 years to build Legacy Endowment = $50,000

$150,000 Pledge*

$5,000 annual named scholarship X 5 years for current year distribution = $25,000
$25,000 annual endowment contribution X 5 years to build Legacy Endowment = $125,000

$300,000 Pledge*

$10,000 annual named scholarship X 5 years for current year distribution = $50,000
$50,000 annual endowment contribution X 5 years to build Legacy Endowment = $250,000

$600,000 Pledge*

$20,000 annual named scholarship X 5 years for current year distribution = $100,000
$100,000 annual endowment contribution X 5 years to build Legacy Endowment = $500,000

*At the completion of 5-year term, your Legacy Endowed Scholarship will be fully funded and will spin off funds to award an annual scholarship award in perpetuity.

Benefits of Legacy Scholarship

- Addresses the law school’s greatest needs, while having a very real impact on students’ lives
- Personal connection with students who benefit from your generosity
- Collaboration and collegiality of working with other donors
- Can honor or memorialize anyone designated by you