Imagine What Is Possible

Bright. Determined. Committed to making a difference. Clemson’s focus has always included providing a first-rate education for students and instilling in them the skills and drive to become the leaders, critical thinkers and entrepreneurs we need in our state, our country and our world.

That kind of education is possible only in a climate that is inclusive and embraces diversity. It is possible only when all qualified students have equal access to a quality education, and all have the ability to share their perspectives, knowledge and experiences. Most importantly, it is possible only through the power of scholarships. Diversity scholarships open the door to opportunity for all deserving students, elevating our entire University culture and deepening the Clemson Experience for students, faculty and staff.

The Value of Diversity

Diversity not only enriches the educational experience of our students, but it also promotes personal growth and a healthy society. Diversity challenges stereotypes, encourages critical thinking and helps students learn to communicate effectively with people of different backgrounds. Diversity strengthens America’s competitive position. In fact, many Fortune 500 companies consider the diversity ratios of colleges from which they recruit potential employees.

To sustain our country’s prosperity in the 21st century, we need the talents and abilities of all of our citizens. The University’s 10-year strategic plan, ClemsonForward, is committed to maintaining a strong and vibrant community that embraces diversity by:

- Increasing the number of minority students, faculty and staff
- Establishing and maintaining a climate that welcomes and respects diverse people, ideas, cultures, religions, traditions, values, beliefs, abilities and orientations
- Providing a broad range of diversity education and cross-cultural development opportunities

This objective has already been demonstrated through increased minority applications and increased enrollment. In fact, Hispanic enrollment alone has increased from 111 students in 2015 to 279 students in 2018. Scholarships help us maintain this growth and build toward an even more inclusive and enriched student body.

The Need to Include

Clemson University needs resources that will help provide students with an education that is inclusive with all the benefits a diverse community offers. We do this through diversity scholarships. We are seeking private support to provide scholarships specifically for underrepresented populations. By focusing on these students who might otherwise be unable to afford a Clemson education, we are enriching the lives of all Clemson students who will benefit from the cultural enrichment these students bring to our campus. Diversity scholarships will make it possible for us to make sure that opportunity is available to deserving students who demonstrate the potential to become a part of it. By opening the door, the future of Clemson will be enriched and strengthened for generations to come.

HELP PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH AN EDUCATION THAT IS INCLUSIVE WITH ALL THE BENEFITS A DIVERSE COMMUNITY OFFERS.