

How donors make a difference

For more than 150 years, Wayne State University has pledged to provide access to higher education in our community. We're honoring that connection to our home city with an opportunity that puts a Wayne State education within reach for all Detroit students.

The Heart of Detroit Tuition Pledge is an investment in the future of Detroit and offers free tuition for Detroit students admitted as freshmen to Wayne State. This new initiative will:

- provide each student with a financial aid package that covers their full tuition and fees.
- make it easy for students to understand the financial aid they'll receive from Wayne State.
- motivate students to work hard in high school knowing that if they meet admission requirements, they will have a path to learn at a premier research university.

Donors help make the Heart of Detroit Tuition Pledge possible. During the Pivotal Moments campaign, they contributed \$92.6 million for permanent endowed scholarships, including a significant portion that are available to Detroit undergraduate students. Now, through a combination of donor scholarships, university scholarships and grants, we can cover full tuition and fees for Detroit students.



The Heart of Detroit is a last-dollar scholarship program, which means the university fills the gap in a student's financial aid package after accounting for all other aid sources (excluding loans — no student will be asked to take out loans). After a student completes the usual financial aid application, if they are eligible, they will receive federal and state aid. If they receive any scholarships from outside organizations, like a rotary club or Detroit Promise, they bring those too. If a student is not eligible for any financial aid, their full tuition will be covered by Wayne State.



Donor scholarships remain a key part of financial aid at Wayne State, and we will depend on scholarship support to help fulfill the Heart of Detroit Tuition Pledge each year.

Your past giving helped make this pledge possible, and your future giving will allow Wayne State to think even bigger. This is just the latest evolution of making college more affordable for all Wayne State students.

Thank you for helping to make Wayne State a top choice university for Detroit students.

Here's how it works:

