



SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY FUND

Investing in students' futures

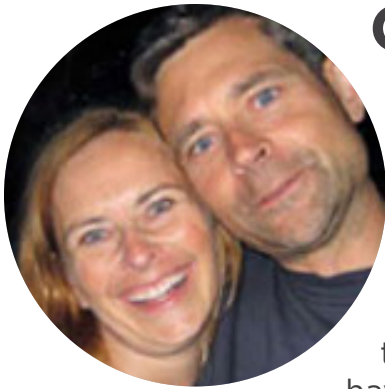
Learning is a lifelong pursuit but post-secondary education can make all the difference for students. Through a Scholarship and Bursary Fund we help you to give students the opportunities they need to achieve their dreams.

Why choose a scholarship and bursary fund?

- You believe in the life-changing importance of education
- You want to give students an added boost to succeed in higher education

How it works

- You can donate now or through your will and HCF will set up a scholarship or bursary fund in your name or a name you choose. You may remain anonymous if you prefer
- HCF staff helps you determine eligibility requirements for the award you establish – whether based on a student's financial need, academic achievements, extracurricular activities, or other criteria
- HCF issues scholarships or bursaries from your fund and handles all administrative details
- If the award you establish is renewable, you can review updated information on the progress of recipients over time - something many donors find rewarding



CHANEY-ENSIGN BURSARY FUND

Levelling the playing field for students

The impact of Chaney-Ensign Bursary Fund, established in 1976, is hard to overestimate: close to 900 local students have received support over the years. They include scientists, lawyers, teachers, business leaders, and countless others who continue to have an influence in Hamilton today.

Genevieve Chaney and Cordelia Ensign were twin sisters, both teachers, and their intent was to help young people in Hamilton who were in serious financial need to access higher learning.

More than 20 years ago, siblings Anita and Chris Counter received support from the fund. Now two extraordinarily accomplished adults – Anita Counter is a senior executive in financial services, and Dr. Chris Counter is a cancer researcher and professor at Duke University – the siblings were at-risk youths in their teens.

A caring financial aid officer at the university made all the difference by suggesting HCF's Chaney-Ensign bursary. "I didn't know what a bursary was," says Anita, "but he walked me through the process." The bursary was \$700 per year – enough at that time to make the dream of higher education a reality.

“That bursary levelled the playing field for a disadvantaged kid like me.”

With successful careers and personal lives in full flight now, both Chris and Anita want others to know what an impact this kind of support can have. "It allowed me to pursue education – the pathway out of poverty for me and many others. I can never thank Hamilton Community Foundation enough," Chris says.