



EXPANDING ACCESS. EMPOWERING FUTURES.

Funding Goal: \$93 million

Simply said, scholarships change lives. They are the reason a student can say yes to Concordia and succeed when they arrive.

The goal of this initiative is to ensure that any student who can see themselves as a Cobber can realize that dream, regardless of financial circumstances. Scholarship support increasingly determines who can attend Concordia.

“Scholarships are often the single biggest factor in whether a student can choose Concordia. When we can say, ‘Yes, you belong here,’ that is when our mission becomes real.”

— Eric Addington, Associate Vice President for Enrollment and Financial Aid

Investing in Scholarships Will

- ▶ Expand access for all students
- ▶ Help students stay enrolled when family finances change
- ▶ Give students with many strong options the confidence to become a Cobber



“The financial aid Concordia provided was larger than any other school I had applied to, which made it possible for me to confidently choose Concordia.”

— Eliza McIntyre '28, Elementary education



“At first, I thought NDSU was where I would end up until I talked to my admission representative at Concordia. I told her my main concern was paying for college and, at the end of our meeting, she said she would talk to the financial aid office to see what she could do.

That same day, just a few hours later, she came back with my financial aid package. That's when I knew. It wasn't just that the cost was lower; it was the effort and care that really made the difference. I felt valued and seen, like I truly belonged here because someone went out of their way for me. In that moment, I didn't feel like just another number; I felt like a person who mattered. And ever since, I've known I made the right decision.”



Malik Smith '27
English literature
major

Read Malik's story ▶



When you give a scholarship, You **change lives** and the world they touch.

For many families, scholarships are the difference between wanting a Concordia education and being able to choose one. They are more than financial aid. **They are a clear message to students: you belong here, and we believe in what you can become.**

Impact Scholarships — \$5,000+

Spendable support that helps students right away.

Named Impact Scholarships begin with a gift of \$5,000 or more, providing immediate scholarship dollars that can be awarded to students today. With each annual gift of \$5,000, your scholarship is renewed and continues to make a difference in the life of a student.

“As parents of two Cobbers, we witness the power of a Concordia education and feel called to help more students experience it. Supporting Impact Scholarships each year is a joyful way to help keep that opportunity within reach.”

— Matthew '95 and Jennifer (Ortloff) '97 Philaya
Parents of Tommy '27 and Elisabeth '29

Endowed Scholarships — \$50,000+

Permanent support that strengthens access for generations.

Endowed Scholarships begin with a commitment of \$50,000 or more, creating a lasting scholarship that supports Cobbers year after year.

“We’re honored to establish an endowed scholarship that will support Cobbers for years to come. Our hope is to create a lasting legacy — one that helps prepare future leaders to make a meaningful difference in the world.”

— Barbara (Walther) '84 and Brad Anderson

Legacy Giving

We invite you to consider including scholarships in your estate plans as a final act of generosity that extends opportunity for students well into the future.

Your investment in scholarships expands access, strengthens retention, and keeps Concordia within reach for the next generation of Cobbers.



“Without generous scholarships I would not be able to attend Concordia, and through music and academic scholarships, I can pursue my passions without worrying about the financial burden.”

— Lydia Repnow '27, Education and teaching english to speakers of other languages

Watch Lydia's story ▶



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