Pioneering the Future is an initiative among individual donors and Nazarene churches to establish student scholarship endowments for each district on MNU’s educational region. The goal is to ensure MNU remains affordable for Nazarene students from the Iowa, Joplin, Kansas, Kansas City, Missouri, Nebraska and Prairie Lakes Districts for years to come.

Individual donors may make campaign commitments at any point throughout the year. However, the campaign culminates on the first Sunday of October each year with a special local church offering to fund scholarship endowments in each district.

This initiative provides a tangible way for individual donors and Nazarene congregations from across the region to jointly and simultaneously pull together by providing an extra measure of support for MNU and our students.

The need

Founded in 1966, MNU is still a relatively young university and as such, a significant portion of the resources given to MNU during its first 46 years have been directed toward the development of campus facilities. Many older, more established schools have built significant endowments which provide a consistent and additional base of financial support, often in the form of funded scholarships.

As MNU moves toward a renewed position of strength during this period of economic challenge, it’s vital that we increase our focus on endowment support and strengthen the ties between MNU and the local church.

Over 90 percent of MNU students rely on scholarships and aid. Gifts made to this campaign will help more students from your district afford MNU.

Why should I support this initiative?

Simply put, gifts and commitments to this campaign help students from your district exclusively. MidAmerica Nazarene University exists to educate and transform students from your church for a life of service to their community, the church and the world. These scholarships will help ensure that more students from your district can experience a transforming Christian education.

How will the district scholarships be awarded?

Scholarship assistance will be made available to Nazarene students from your district. Awards will be based on financial need as determined by the Director of Student Financial Services in accordance with established University guidelines.

Like many universities, the MNU Foundation manages an endowment that funds a portion of the operating requirements of the institution, including scholarships.

In lay terms, gifts to an endowment are invested, and a portion of the income or gain on the investment is distributed in the form of a scholarship. Thus, a scholarship endowment provides a perpetual source of support for student scholarships.

Gifts and commitments to this initiative will be placed in a restricted endowment and the funds will be used solely for scholarships for students from your district.

With ongoing support from your district, it will continue to grow year after year.