Endowed OASES Scholarships

Altrusa Mildred English Scholarship
Established by the Altrusa Club of Charlotte Scholarship in 1950, the fund was the first scholarship for student financial support at Charlotte College. OASES was encouraged by the Office of Student Financial Aid to begin awarding the scholarship in 1997. In 2006 the club renamed this Altrusa Club of Charlotte Scholarship the “Altrusa Mildred English Scholarship” to honor Mildred English for her longstanding commitment to Altrusa and Charlotte College. She was the first student personnel employee of Charlotte College as well as a former employee of UNC Charlotte. Mildred continues to work tirelessly for the university even in her retirement years. The scholarship may be renewed and is awarded annually. The scholarship provides approximately $500 per academic year with one-half awarded each semester.

Altrusa Bonnie Cone Scholarship
The Altrusa Bonnie Cone Scholarship Fund was established in 1983 in honor of Bonnie Ethel Cone who was instrumental in the growth and development of Charlotte College and UNC Charlotte. She was president of Charlotte College, acting chancellor of UNC Charlotte, then vice chancellor for student affairs and community relations. The scholarship memorializes Altrusan Bonnie Cone as a Patron of Excellence of the Foundation of UNC Charlotte. The scholarship may be renewed and is awarded annually. The scholarship provides approximately $500 per academic year with one-half awarded each semester.

Altrusa Viola Billue Scholarship
The Altrusa Viola Billue Scholarship was established jointly in 1999 by the Altrusa International Club of Charlotte and OASES in honor of Viola Billue who was a leader in the Altrusa International Club of Charlotte for many years and the first female bank officer in Charlotte. The scholarship is awarded annually and may be renewed. The scholarship provides approximately $500 per academic year with one-half awarded each semester.

Altrusa Bettie McEwen Scholarship
The Altrusa Bettie Weir McEwen Scholarship was established in 2009 by the Altrusa International Club of Charlotte in honor of Bettie McEwen who was for many years a leader in the Altrusa International Club and in community, professional, and civic affairs. Among the many careers held by Bettie, she was president and treasurer of McEwen Funeral Home at a time when the profession was primarily dominated by men. In 2010 Bettie McEwen’s estate gifted a promissory note for $75,000 to be added to the endowed scholarship fund. The scholarship provides approximately $500 per academic year with one-half awarded each semester.

Bettie Weir McEwen Scholarship
The Bettie Weir McEwen Scholarship was established in 2017 by Bettie’s family in honor of her commitment to change the lives of others. Bettie was a business and philanthropic leader in the Mint Hill and Charlotte community. Bettie attended Peace College and left to enlist in the Women’s Army Corps, serving in World War II from 1943-46. Among the careers held by Bettie, she was president and treasurer of McEwen Funeral Home. She was a remarkable philanthropist and served on the Board of Directors of Charlotte Memorial Hospital (now Carolinas Medical Center). She was a founding member of “Good Friends,” a charitable organization that raises funds for the Charlotte community. She was a member of The Altrusa International Club and the Metropolitan Business and Professional Women’s club (MBPW). She
was named “Outstanding Charlotte Working Woman” by the Chamber of Commerce. Bettie enlisted the assistance of her family to establish the Carl J. McEwen Scholarship and the Mrs. Carl J. McEwen Scholarship in honor of her parents.

**Fran and David Taylor Nontraditional Scholarship**
This scholarship, established in 1990, is made possible through generous donations by Fran and David Taylor. This scholarship demonstrates the interest of the Taylor family in the achievements of adult nontraditional students in their educational careers. The number of scholarships may vary. Award amounts vary but generally range from $500 to $1,000 per academic year with one-half awarded each semester.

**Friends of UNC Charlotte Scholarship**
Friends of UNC Charlotte established a scholarship program of academic excellence for nontraditional students. Under the leadership of Virginia D. Bufkin, the award program began in 1999. Scholarships are awarded annually. Awards range up to $1,000 with one-half awarded each semester.

**James S. McCormack Rotary Scholarship**
The University City Rotary Club established this scholarship in 1987 in memory of James S. McCormack, a charter member of the University City Rotary Club. In 1999 the family of James S. McCormack endowed the scholarship to provide financial assistance to nontraditional students who are pursuing their academic goals. This scholarship is awarded annually and may be renewed provided all requirements are met. Award amounts generally average up to $1,000 per academic year with one-half awarded each semester.

**James William (Bill) Kirk Scholarship**
The James William Kirk Scholarship was established in July 2016 by Kim Kirk Steffan in honor of her late father. The Kirk family was quite influential in the success of UNC Charlotte. Mr. Kirk was a nontraditional student and a proud graduate of the Belk College of Business. This fund will provide scholarships to non-traditional students. Academic merit will be considered along with preference to N.C. residents. The amount of the award varies each academic year but generally averages $1,000 with one-half awarded each semester.

**Metropolitan Business & Professional Women, Ruth Moss Easterling Scholarship**
Metropolitan Business and Professional Women (MBPW) named this scholarship in 1989 in honor of Ruth Moss Easterling, a charter member of Metropolitan Business & Professional Women who also served as state and national president for MBPW. Ruth Easterling worked tirelessly for the citizens of North Carolina with a particular interest in women’s issues during her 13-session tenure in the North Carolina House of Representatives. Award amounts vary but average $1,000 per academic year with one-half awarded each semester.

**Mr. Carl J. McEwen Scholarship**
This scholarship was established in 1961 by members of the McEwen family in memory of their father Carl J. McEwen. This scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance for students who have financial need and would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend school. The number of annual scholarships varies. Award amounts vary but generally range up to $1,000 per academic year with one-half awarded each semester.

**Mrs. Carl J. McEwen Scholarship**
The Mrs. Carl J. McEwen Scholarship was established in 1984 by Bettie Weir McEwen in memory of her mother. This scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance for students who need and desire to complete an education. The number of scholarships may vary yearly. Awards vary but generally range up to $1,000 per academic year with one-half awarded each semester.

**Robert and Jan-Rae Hall Scholarship**
The Robert and Jan-Rae Hall Scholarship was established in February 2013 to provide scholarships for non-traditional students through funding for tuition, books, fees, and other expenses related to the cost of attendance. The Halls are passionate about mentoring, motivating, and empowering youth to seek higher education and become successful citizens in society. Their passion for education is also further evidenced by this scholarship which seeks to provide opportunities for non-traditional students, with a preference for single parents. The award amount varies per academic year with one-half awarded each semester.

**Sarah Hoadley Wilson Scholarship for Nontraditional Students**
The Sarah Hoadley Wilson Scholarship was created in honor of Sarah Hoadley Wilson, a former nontraditional student and an alumna (’92) of UNC Charlotte, by her husband Jack Wilson. Sarah is an honorary member of the Gamma Rho Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, a national honor society for adult students at UNC Charlotte. Initially awarded in 1994, this scholarship provides approximately $500 per academic year with one-half awarded each semester.

**Virginia Duckworth Bufkin Scholarship**
The Virginia D. Bufkin Scholarship was established in 1999 by Virginia D. Bufkin, a former nontraditional student and an alumna of UNC Charlotte. The donor was an honorary member of the Gamma Rho Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, a national honor society for adult students at UNC Charlotte. This scholarship represents the donor’s personal commitment to excellence for nontraditional students. The award is presented annually. Award amounts vary but generally range from $500 to $1,000 per academic year with one-half awarded each semester.

**Non-Endowed OASES Scholarships**

**National Association of Women Business Owners, Charlotte, Susan Z. Ainsworth Scholarship**
The Women Business Owners Association established this scholarship in 1990 for women returning to complete or begin their education at UNC Charlotte. In subsequent years the NAWBO Scholarship Committee renamed the scholarship to reflect its current organizational title. Further, the current name memorializes Susan Z. Ainsworth for her strong commitment to continuous learning and her leadership role with business women and entrepreneurs. The scholarship program provides financial support, professional growth, and mentoring to recipients. Award amounts vary but generally range from $500 to $1,000 per academic year with one-half awarded each semester.

**OASES Reentry Scholarship**
The OASES Reentry Scholarship was created in 1990 and is made possible through community and individual interest in re-entering students. Kathi M. Baucom, former Associate Provost for
Enrollment Management, designated a significant gift to grow this scholarship. This scholarship ensures that students have access to financial awards based on their needs and commitment to higher education. Preference is given to students dedicated to achieving higher educational goals. Award amounts generally range from $500 to $1,000.