

# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## Victoria Muñoz

### Single Parents Scholarship Recipient

Despite her dedication to her studies, Victoria Muñoz hasn't always been able to take classes each semester. She is a single mother with two young boys, and she couldn't always afford tuition. When Victoria was just a few credits short of finishing her associate's degree, she found she needed help and decided to apply for a scholarship. She was thrilled to discover that she had been selected, stating "this scholarship has given me the motivation that I need to finish my last few semesters."



With this scholarship funding, Victoria is confident she will finish her associate's degree and plans to continue her studies in criminal justice at a four-year university. Although Victoria's life as a single mother and student can be challenging, she says her two young boys understand that her studies are important, and she wants them to learn from her example. As she puts it, "I hope that my sons will see me studying and will decide to go to college themselves one day."

## Lucas Salas

### Boeing Scholarship Recipient

Lucas Salas, a self-supporting mechanical engineering student, calls his scholarship "the key to a closed door." The scholarship has enabled him to cut down on his work hours and focus on his studies. "I can already tell the difference that the extra study time has had on my academic performance," he says.



Additionally, Lucas has used the extra time to engage in volunteer and school-related activities. He is president of SLCC's Robotics Club, where he plans student activities such as programming, soldering and 3D printing. He recently attended NASA's Community College Aerospace Scholars program, which educates community college STEM students about NASA's objectives and encourages them to pursue a NASA-related field or career.

He is a volunteer tutor at SLCC's Thyne Center for Service & Learning and served as a member of SLCC's student fee board. "I was able to be a voice for all SLCC students by fighting to keep student fees low," he says.

Lucas prides himself on balancing school, work and other activities while remaining free of debt. His scholarship has made this possible. As he puts it, "Because of my scholarship, I have been able to excel in school and pursue activities that reflect my interests and values. I am so grateful to my scholarship donors for enabling me to do more than I ever could before."



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Contributing to a scholarship at Salt Lake Community College can directly and significantly change the lives of students who might not be able to go to college otherwise. Supporting scholarships is also a meaningful way to honor family, friends, beloved professors, a special academic program or any other important influence in your life.

## How would you like to support scholarships at SLCC?

### Support an existing scholarship (any dollar amount)

Donors can contribute to any of SLCC's existing scholarship funds, which include the following:

- Bruin Athletics Scholarship for students who are participating on one of SLCC's award-winning athletic teams
- Bruin Dreams Scholarship for undocumented immigrant students who are seeking higher education
- Near-Completers Scholarship for students who are a few credits short of finishing their associate's degrees
- PACE Scholarship (Partnership for Accessing College Education) for high school students participating in the PACE school-to-college-to-business program
- Single Parents Scholarship for single-parent students who are supporting a family and attending school
- School-Specific General Scholarships
  - School of Applied Technologies and Technical Specialties
  - School of Arts, Communication and Media
  - School of Business
  - School of Health Sciences
  - School of Humanities and Social Sciences
  - School of Science, Math and Engineering

We also have a general scholarship fund and many named scholarships to which you may contribute.

### Create a annual named scholarship (\$2,000+)

Annual named scholarships can be established with a minimum contribution of \$2,000 (approximate tuition and basic fees for one semester). Donors are encouraged to make ongoing donations to their named scholarships to continue the scholarship long term.

### Create an endowed scholarship (\$50,000+)

Endowed scholarships are designed to be permanent and perpetual, meaning you can create a legacy that will last far beyond your lifetime. The Salt Lake Community College Foundation invests the funds and after a maturing period of one to two years, scholarships are awarded from 3.5%-4% of the earnings.

After earning interest, newly-created, endowed scholarships will become active after a period of 1-2 years, depending on when the initial donation is received.

## Annual Scholarship Timing:

### SPRING SEMESTER

Criteria is due by

**SEP 1**

Funding is due by

**NOV 1**

### FALL SEMESTER

Criteria is due by

**NOV 1**

Funding is due by

**APR 1**

## Who should benefit from your scholarship?

If you would like to create your own scholarship, the next step is establishing the scholarship criteria. Who would you like to benefit from your scholarship? Here are some criteria to consider:

- Area of study
- Financial need
- Underrepresented populations
- GPA
- Enrollment (full-time vs. part-time)

## What's next?

The first step is to establish your scholarship with SLCC's Development Office. Once your scholarship has been created, the opportunity will be published in our online scholarship portal, and students may apply during the next available scholarship application period.

Donors may direct students to apply for their scholarships but may not select which students receive their scholarships. If you are interested in supporting a specific student, you may sponsor that student through SLCC's Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

After the scholarship application period concludes, a team of 70+ volunteers review and rate each scholarship application twice to find the students who best fit each scholarship opportunity. Once these students are selected, we offer them the scholarship, and they accept the offer with a personal thank you letter to the donor.

Scholarship supporters are invited to attend SLCC's annual Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon, providing them an opportunity to meet their scholarship recipients and see firsthand how they are making a difference in our students' lives.

## How your investment in SLCC scholarships makes a difference

SLCC's tuition is affordable, but many students still face significant financial challenges in pursuit of higher education.

**81%**

of SLCC students work while attending school.

**54%**

of SLCC students are the first in their families to attend college.

# SLCC

is the **most diverse** higher education institution in Utah.

Scholarships change the lives of those who might not be able to go to college otherwise. Some students struggle simply to put food on the table and pay for basic expenses, such as rent and child care, while they try to better their lives through education.

Thousands of students apply for scholarships each year, and we only have enough funding to award about 30 percent of the applicants with scholarships. With your help, we can raise this to 100 percent and help all students in need to reach their full potential.



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