### **The Van Wert County Foundation**



OUR VISION is to create a well-resourced and thriving quality of life for our community.

We transform quality of life by supporting purposeful endowments, inspiring collective growth, and building initiatives for the future.

### **Financial Summary**

**2020 Year End Fair Market Value** - \$96M

Spending Restrictions on Endowment and Scholarship Funds - 5% maximum of a 3 year fund balance

2020 Year End - Endowments and Scholarship Fund Fair Market Value - \$87M

3 Year Average Fair Market Value - \$80M

Annual Spending - 2021 Spending Capped at \$4M +/-



## Philanthropic Impact

Giving Impact - \$4M+/- each year

Grants - \$1.5M +/-

Scholarships- \$1.0M +/-

Programs \$1.0M +/-

Wassenberg Art Center

Performing Arts

**Hiestand Woods** 

Franklin Park

Impact Program (Non-Profit Capacity Building)

Administrative \$0.5M +/-



### Transactional vs. Transformational

If we're capped on what we're able to give, how do we go beyond and do more (short of fundraising)?

Impact Investing - Allocating VWCF assets to produce a positive impact on the community.

**Example: Van Wert Forward** - Shifting investments from Wall Street to Main Street.

Capacity Building Programs - Non-profit training for our 501(c)3 grantee partners.

**Example: Impact Program**- Quarterly training programs geared to strengthen our grantees.

**Smarter Grantmaking** - Is what we're giving to moving our vision forward?

**Example: Grant reporting** - Telling success stories.

**Re-tooling our Scholarship Program** - We're paying our talent to leave our community.



### Scholarship Programs

<u>Traditional</u> <u>Undergraduate</u> <u>Scholarship Program</u> Vantage Adult Career <u>Tech Scholarship</u> (ACTS) Program Learn & Return Student Loan Payment Program









Overview

- Competitive Scholarship Program.
- Application is open all year.
- Workforce attraction and retention tool.
- Van Wert County graduates.
- Accredited degree or certificate.
- Must live and work in the county for award payout to begin.
- Up to \$30,000 of loan payment.



### Criteria

- Postsecondary degree or certificate with student debt.
  - Accredited college, university, or skilled trades program.
- Debt in the student's name.
- Applicants must have been a resident of Van Wert County at point of High School Graduation and have graduated from a local High School.
- Preferred previous residency of 4 years.
- Demonstrate a desire to find or create employment in Van Wert County.
- Must reside in Van Wert County to begin program.
- 3 year lookback at onset of program.



Process

- Applicants can apply online at any time.
- The Foundation's Scholarship Committee reviews applications as they are submitted.
- Eligible applicants will be invited to interview with the Committee.
- Committee will review and set award.



> <u>LOI - Learn & Return</u> <u>Scholarship</u>

> <u>Application - Learn &</u> <u>Return Scholarship</u>





Award

- Applicant notified of a decision via email.
- Awards payable at end of each full year.
- The maximum award is up to \$30,000.
- Repayment will be split:
  - $\circ$  17% of debt up to \$5,000 the first year.
  - 33% of debt up to \$10,000 the second year.
  - $\circ$  ~~ 50% of debt up to \$15,000 the third year.
- Active participation in a Mentor Program required.
- Applicant signs a binding document.
- Applicants confirm continuous eligibility bi-annually.



Follow-up and Success Plan

- Applicants will have 120 days from notification of award to demonstrate a written job offer or an entrepreneurial business plan.
- Applicants will have 120 days from notification of award to demonstrate residency within county.
- No mandatory length of stay, but any unpaid award is forfeited if the recipient moves.
- Active participation in a Mentor Program required.
- Recipients paired with a community mentor.
  - No personal connections.
  - New mentor each year.
  - $\circ \quad \ \ \, Meet \, on \, a \, monthly \, basis.$
  - Participate in a service club or nonprofit organization.







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