A TRINITY EDUCATION CHANGES LIVES. More than ever this transformative college experience is what highly talented students seek. Yet that transformation can’t happen if the best students can’t afford to enroll.

Applications for admission to Trinity have grown steadily, and we have a robust pool well over 10 times the size of the first-year class. Unfortunately, limited student aid resources mean we lose too many outstanding applicants to other colleges.

Strengthening scholarship support is a top priority for President Joanne Berger-Sweeney. Presidential Financial Aid Leaders are individual donors who aim to bolster funding for student grants by making endowment gifts above a minimum level that qualify for a one-to-one match from Trinity. The impact of your generosity as a Financial Aid Leader will be to enroll more of our most qualified applicants. Your gift will serve to improve student recruitment and retention and to strengthen Trinity’s reputation.

We must ensure that we have the financial resources to attract the very best students from a wide range of backgrounds, giving them the opportunity to attend this institution regardless of their ability to pay full tuition.”

— President Joanne Berger-Sweeney

THE IMPORTANCE OF FINANCIAL AID

Meeting the financial need of more of our outstanding applicants is the surest strategy to benefit Trinity. More student aid would:

• Bolster Trinity’s reputation by expanding geographic reach, increasing GPA and SAT scores of new students, and enrolling more academically talented students.

• Improve retention because financial aid is a key factor in helping students persist in college through graduation.

• Increase diversity since scholarship support is essential to enrolling highly accomplished students from middle-class families as well as those with significantly more need.

• Make Trinity more selective by admitting fewer students.

• Strengthen the academic and intellectual environment for all students by raising the bar across campus—in classrooms, labs, and studios, and in student activities and community engagement.

Peter Ganem ’15, Torrington, Connecticut
Hoffman Scholar
Major: public policy and law
Trinity Writing Center tutor; resident assistant; mentor at McDonough Expeditionary Learning School; intern at Hartford law firm; Admissions tour guide; teacher’s assistant for writing classes; intern at the Office of the Connecticut Secretary of State

“I never expected to be able to attend such an incredible liberal arts school. With the support of donors, I have been working to realize my potential at Trinity. Every professor I’ve had has gone above and beyond to make sure my time here is well spent.”

Madison Starr ’16, Chevy Chase, Maryland
Summit Scholar
Majors: American studies and French
Student Communications Advisory Council member; fellow in Career Development Center; annual Do It Day volunteer; Hillel board member; summer internships in Washington, D.C., with a political action committee and with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

“If it weren’t for my scholarship, my family could not have afforded to send me to Trinity. ‘Thank you’ isn’t enough to describe our gratitude.”

George Denkey ’15, Hartford, Connecticut
Merin Hartford Scholar
Majors: political science and urban studies
Trinity Model Congress team member; The Charleston House of Interfaith Cooperation member; valedictorian, Law and Government Academy at Hartford Public High School; immigrant to the United States from Togo, West Africa

“Throughout my childhood, it was my dream, and my family’s dream as well, that I would attend an institution of higher education. ... At Trinity, I have been able to grow, connect with some wonderful people, and truly understand what my purpose is and where I am headed.”
PRESIDENTIAL
FINANCIAL AID LEADERS:
A match for the future

YOUR ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

As a Presidential Financial Aid Leader, your individual commitment of at least $125,000 for student financial aid endowment qualifies for a one-to-one match. Your endowed gift at this level results in a permanent scholarship valued at double your personal contribution.

• **Create a permanent legacy.** An endowed scholarship creates an opportunity to change students’ lives. You will receive annual reports on the growth of your scholarship fund as well as information about the students who benefit from your philanthropy. And our annual Scholars Reception brings benefactors and scholars together in celebration and appreciation.

• **Double your investment.** Demonstrating Trinity’s fundamental commitment to student financial aid, the College will match completed commitments of $125,000 or more to financial aid endowment from individual donors.

• **Maximize your impact.** For those who have endowed a scholarship already, we invite you to make an additional commitment of $125,000 or more to your existing fund to qualify for the match. Scholarships of $1 million or more are considered fully funded, as they provide full tuition support for one student per academic year.

Your support for scholarship endowment positions you as a leader in President Berger-Sweeney’s vision for an enhanced Trinity College experience for all students.

The time is now, and the rewards — for you and for Trinity — are infinite.

You know firsthand, or through the experience of your daughter or son, that our College offers a unique brand of education. And you can ensure that a Trinity education stays within reach of all promising students. By endowing a scholarship, you make it possible now and in the future to enroll more of the outstanding students in our current applicant pool — and to extend Trinity’s draw from top students across the country.

MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

Currently, Trinity accepts more than one-third of each first-year class without considering financial need. After our student aid budget is expended, financial need must figure in selecting the remainder of the class. Unfortunately, that means turning away many high-achieving candidates with proven leadership qualities.

At the same time, our peers admit closer to half of their applicants regardless of need. Some of these students also apply to Trinity. They are a valuable asset already in our candidate pool — young women and men who have distinguished themselves both academically and personally. And yet we’re unable to admit many of them who demonstrate financial need.

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Source: Common Data Set figures from college websites for fiscal years 2010-2012. For Wesleyan, two-year average included as 2011 is unavailable.

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