

50th Reunion Giving Opportunities

Class of 1977 Scholarship Challenge

An anonymous member of the Class of 1977 has generously offered to match all gifts designated for the Class of 1977 Endowed Scholarship Fund, dollar for dollar, up to \$250,000.

Together, your class has the opportunity to create a \$500,000 scholarship fund to help talented and deserving students who may not otherwise be able to afford an Oberlin education. This would be a permanently endowed fund that would initially provide \$20,000-\$25,000 in scholarship awards every year. These awards can increase in the future as the endowment grows through additional gifts and investment gains.

Oberlin is committed to ensuring that cost does not stand between exceptional students and an Oberlin education. The college meets 100% of the demonstrated financial need of every admitted student, as calculated by the Office of Financial Aid. Endowed scholarships are essential to sustaining that commitment and helping Oberlin remain accessible to students from all economic and diverse backgrounds.

As you celebrate 50 years since your Oberlin graduation, we hope you'll honor the education, friendships, and experiences that have shaped your lives by opening those same doors for future generations. Join your classmates in meeting this historic challenge and creating a meaningful Class of 1977 legacy that will support Oberlin students for years to come.

Area of Greatest Need

Critical needs of Oberlin's students and faculty are met through gifts to The Oberlin Annual Fund. These gifts are distributed to the areas of greatest need during the current fiscal year. Roughly 87 percent of unrestricted gifts will go to scholarships and financial aid. The remainder will support current-use needs around campus. These include everything from facility enhancements to emergency student loan funds. Oberlin Annual Fund gifts also allow the College to make the most of opportunities that arise throughout the year – for example, the chance to send a student to present research at a conference or to bring a great musician to campus for a master class.

Other Areas of Support

Many members of the Class of 1977 designate gifts to specific areas or funds. Donating to a specific academic department, program, fund, or area of interest can be done by choosing "Other" in the dropdown menu of the Class of 1977 50th Reunion Giving page and entering the designation in the box provided.

Interested in making a planned gift or including Oberlin in your estate plans?
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