

## *Cookies for Scholarships*

### *A Unique Idea...*

All net proceeds from the sales of Friendship Cookies will fund a unique MSSM Friendship Scholarship to be awarded to an incoming UC Merced freshman student from any high school within the United States. MSSM Friendship Scholarships are awarded at \$4,000 each year and renewable for four years when all criteria is met. Scholarships are not transferable to another school, so the money raised here stays here.

You may be familiar with the Lantern Room on the Fourth floor of the library, named the McFadden – Willis Reading Room in memory of four local children Melanie, Stanley, Stuart and Michelle Willis McFadden. The MSSM Friendship Scholarships were inspired by their lives and this “Cookies For Scholarships” pilot program is an effort to take a new twist – a very tasty one, too! – on the original Friendship Scholarships (available to local Merced Union High School Students attending any college in the United States). As a 501(c)3 public charity, we need your support to sponsor more scholarships to help students achieve their dreams – and what better idea (YUM!) than “Cookies For Scholarships”? An exclusive Friendship Scholarship for students attending UC Merced, awarded by the same criteria of friendship and service to others.

For more information on the MSSM Friendship Scholarships or to follow success of the Cookies for Scholarships project visit us on-line at [www.mssmfoundation.org](http://www.mssmfoundation.org).

Thank you for your support!

*The MSSM Friendship Scholarship Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable foundation; dedicated solely to children's educational programs.*

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When we pause and take a closer look at the difference that friendships have made in our lives, we begin to truly appreciate the value of the investments that we have made in them. They are built with patience, forged in mutual trust and nurtured through care.

Friendships with these qualities are actually quite uncommon. They also seem to be growing in even fewer numbers as people turn to impersonal styles of relating to others either for efficiency, lack of time, or inexperience in interpersonal interactions.

True friendships are evidence of the intangible gifts of compassion, trust, and honest communication. Furthermore, a person's ability to identify and illustrate the true qualities of friendship are a measure of emotional intelligence and a predictor of professional success.

The MSSM Friendship Scholarship Foundation is committed to promoting these values among our youth, our college communities and our future professionals.

Join us in building a bright future for tomorrow. Take this opportunity to strengthen the bonds of our future generations. Make a difference today by nurturing the key assets of quality leaders.

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MSSM Friendship Scholarship**

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*Melanie Stanley Stuart Michelle*

## ***MSSM Friendship Scholarships, funded by Cookies for Scholarships***

### ***Who is eligible?***

**Any incoming freshman UC Merced student, from any high school in the United States.**

- No GPA requirement
- No sports or extracurricular activities required
- No income requirement

### ***The Heart of the Friendship Scholarship:***

**First, an applicant must demonstrate *friendship qualities*.** These qualities are described through the applicant's personal letter on the meaning of friendship, and what it has meant in their life.

A friend of the applicant, who is a peer, and close in age must write a letter of recommendation, about the friendship qualities of the applicant. Some of these qualities may include a devotion to serve others, a commitment to improve our community, and a sense of love, loyalty, ethics, and compassion.

We are looking for young people who have shown that they already give of themselves to others. We want to help them achieve their education in a variety of fields, at the college or university of their choice, knowing that they have a strong likelihood of further enriching our world in years to come. We are looking for great friends, knowing they will enhance their communities and their professions everywhere, touching the lives of others and making a difference! This tremendous diversity has one thing uniting them: these people care about others.

Friendship scholarships are awarded at \$4,000 each, and renew annually for four years of college for students maintaining a 2.5 GPA and a full-time course load. (Recipients of scholarships funded by Cookies for Scholarships must attend UC Merced for all four years to receive all four years of funding.)

## ***Building a bright future for tomorrow***

Often times, it can be difficult to quantify the value of friendships and the qualities of a community leader. However, we strive to express the importance of our mission through the values and success that we see in our scholarship recipients. Those values include:

### **Supporting and Serving Others**

Of the four recipients graduating from college this year, two intend to become doctors. Many other recipients are also studying Medicine, Public Health, Dentistry, Law and Genetics.

As volunteers, they have served in the Merced Rescue Mission, "Week of Welcoming" for college freshmen, food and toy drives, and helping a family after losing their home in a fire.

### **Professional Growth and Education**

Seven of the first eight graduating seniors, have continued on to graduate school.

One student was accepted after her freshman year at UC Berkeley into a six-year combination BS/MD program in another state.

### **Experiencing Diversity**

Four have done overseas studies for a semester.

One scholarship recipient participated in a mission trip to Australia.

Another recipient has plans to lead medical missions to foreign countries after completing a medical residency program in California.

### **Community Involvement**

Nearly all of our scholarship recipients become involved in community work while in school. They have participated in conducting medical interviews for homeless and uninsured, coordinating beach clean-up events, youth-mentoring programs, and more.

One scholarship recipient won an NCAA soccer championship, then shared her gifts by leading soccer camps and coaching youth soccer teams.

## ***Are you ready to support our children and the Friendship Scholarship Foundation?***

### ***I would like to donate \$1,000.***

Donations of \$1,000 or more will directly sponsor an individual scholarship, which will be awarded with both the donor's name and the MSSM Friendship Scholarship Foundation.

- Payment in full is enclosed.
- Enclosed is the first of 10 monthly payments of \$100.

I would like the name on the scholarship to read:

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### ***I would like to pledge a donation of \$4,000 annually for four years.***

A Friendship Scholarship will be awarded together in your name and the MSSM Friendship Scholarship Foundation.

*(You or a group may pledge \$4,000 annually for 4 years.)*

### ***I would like to donate \$100,000 or more.***

A donation of \$100,000 or more will allow a Friendship Scholarship to be **awarded in perpetuity in your name** and the Foundation. This money would be held in the **MSSM Friendship Scholarship Endowment Fund**, and awarded annually to the recipient from earned interest.

### ***I would like to make a one-time donation:***

- \$25       \$100       Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$50       \$500      \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please submit this form and make checks payable to:***  
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