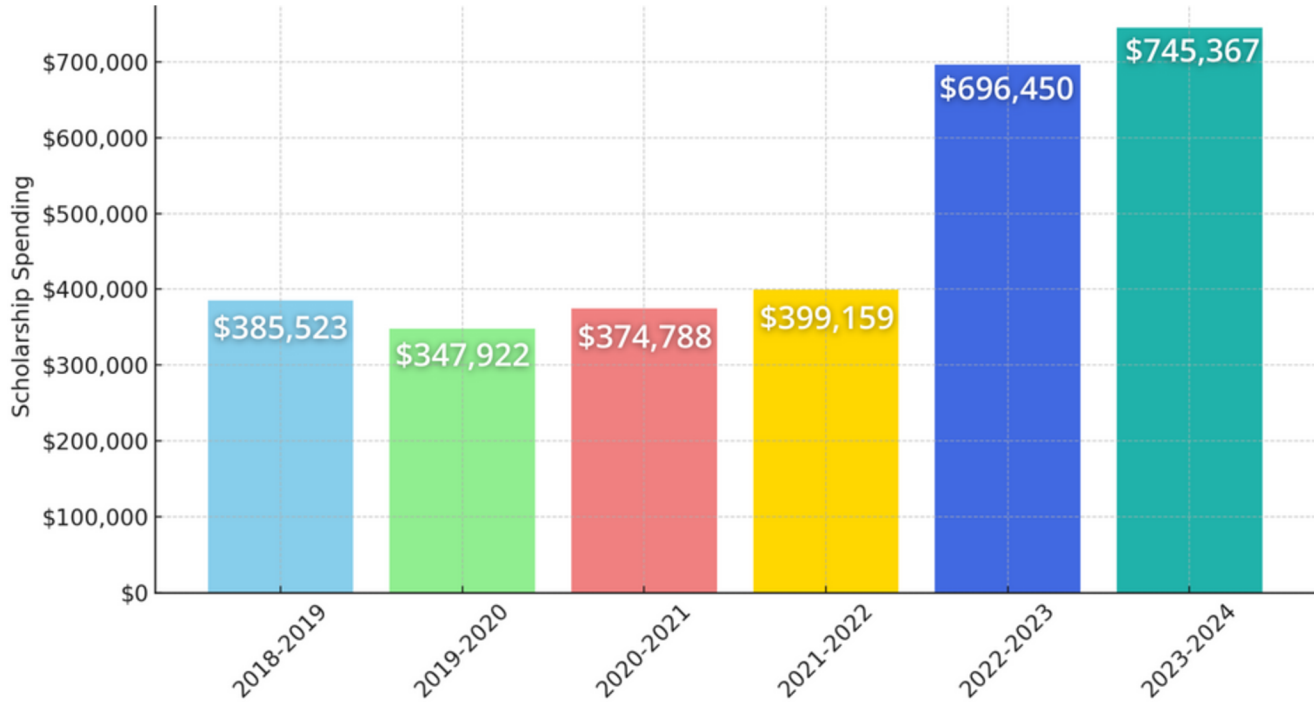


TOTAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP SPENDING



ACCF Meets Students' Needs Despite Doubling of Demand

The dollar value of all ACC Foundation Scholarships awarded in 2023-2024 remains about double the amount awarded in the last full pre-pandemic year of 2018-2019. The grand total in the past year was \$745,367.

We thank all donors who helped meet the need. Among the factors for the increased amounts are:

- ACC has seen record enrollment this fall, with a 14% increase over the same period in 2023, the most dramatic increase in nearly a decade.
- The costs of students' books and supplies has risen dramatically in recent years.
- The average award for student aid for tuition, books and supplies is nearly \$1,300.

ACC Director of Public Safety Says 'Thank You'

The following is a letter of appreciation for a 2024-2025 Faculty-Staff Innovation grant.

Dear Donor,

The money that you donated to the ACC Foundation allowed us to purchase three sets of entry tools for our campuses. In an active shooter incident, having the right tools to forcibly open doors is consistently listed as one of the top three problems encountered by first responders. When seconds count, the equipment bought with your donation can make the difference.

Chief James Armstrong

ACC Employees Thank Donors For Supporting Their Professional Development

Annually, the ACC Foundation provides \$35,000 in professional funds to employees in all areas of the college. Here are three notes of thanks to demonstrate their appreciation.

Nick Boudreau, Coordinator, Career Education



“Because of professional development funds provided by donors to the ACC Foundation, I was able to participate in the annual NC State Work-Based Learning Conference held in Wilmington. Through this event, I tapped into a professional network that shared insights on the technologies and processes they use to make their Work-Based Learning experience more efficient and accessible for students and employers. Thank you, ACC Foundation donors!”

Maia Johnson, Department Head/ Emergency Medical Services



“Thanks to professional development funds from the ACC Foundation, I completed my Technical Scope of Practice (TSOP), enabling me to test for the National Registry Paramedic Credential. This credential, the highest for Paramedics, validates my expertise and skills. The experience equips me with the tools to prepare our EMS students more effectively and not only empathize with their testing anxieties, but assist them with overcoming those worries.”

Dr. Melanie Lewis, Dean of Health and Public Services



“During the 2023-2024 academic year, I had the honor of being selected to participate in the North Carolina Community College Leadership Program (NCCCLP). This incredible opportunity was made possible through the Professional Development Funds from the ACC Foundation, for which I am deeply grateful. NCCCLP brings together leaders from all areas of community colleges across the state. Throughout the program, I had the privilege of collaborating with colleagues in leadership roles from facilities, maintenance, student services, curriculum, and workforce development. We not only focused on enhancing our personal leadership styles but also gained valuable insights into the North Carolina Community College System and established a network of peers across the state’s 58 community colleges. Not a day goes by that I don’t apply the skills and insights I gained from this transformative experience.”

Foundation Facilitates Gifts for College's RAFT Initiative

The Foundation facilitated two large gifts this year earmarked to support ACC's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) titled "Get on the RAFT – Rise and Flourish Together." RAFT focuses on improving student success through enhanced mental health awareness, support, and services. The initiative seeks to meet students where they are, and show them they are part of a community eager to support them.



An anonymous family foundation donated \$30,000 to support RAFT. In addition, Honda contributed \$25,000 to the ACC Foundation for the same initiative. Both gifts will help provide resources for several community needs under ACC's RAFT program:

- Provide "First Aid" Mental Health education and training for faculty, staff, and students. Training will encompass mental health awareness, recognition of warning signs, appropriate responses and campus referral process.
- Launch awareness campaign to help destigmatize mental health and publicize availability of campus support services.
- Promote mental health strategies through student programs and activities.

The College's QEP is a broad-based self-study and discovery process to identify and become involved in a plan that will enhance overall student learning and learning environment at the institution.

THANK YOU DONOR!

I am an awardee of the Troy Woodard Sr. Scholarship. I am in the Associate in Engineering Degree program for University Transfer. For many people such as myself, everyday life is about working to survive and hopefully, in time, thrive. And for people like myself who have to take care with every expense in order to stay afloat, your help is invaluable.

You are not just helping to pay for books and tuition of a single student with your contribution; you are ensuring the well-being of my family and nurturing our prosperity. Thank you again!

Leonardo Cruz



Carroll Shoffner Cements Legacy Through Estate Gift

The ACC Foundation recently received an estate gift from Mr. Carroll Shoffner of nearly \$450,000, which has been added to the Carroll Shoffner Partners at Work Endowment.

Mr. Carroll Shoffner and his brother Eugene started Shoffner Brothers Lumber Company in 1954. Ten years later, he founded Shoffner Industries Inc. in Burlington, NC, a company that grew into the largest truss manufacturer on the East Coast with 18 facilities. Shoffner sold the company to Universal Forest Products in 1998. He passed away in 2017.



Mr. Carroll Shoffner

As a supporter of ACC and the ACC Foundation from its earliest days, Mr. Shoffner established the Carroll Shoffner Partners at Work Endowment in the late 1990s with donations totaling \$40,000. This endowment supports the priorities of the ACC Foundation as approved by its Board of Directors. At the same time, Shoffner established a charitable remainder unitrust to benefit several organizations that had impacted his life and the lives of others.

With this recent legacy gift, Mr. Shoffner has ensured that his name will forever be spoken at ACC and that students will continue to benefit from his generosity in perpetuity.

Foundation Awards Faculty/Staff Innovation Grants

The ACC Foundation funded 14 Innovative Faculty and Staff grants totaling \$70,709 for 2024-2025. Hundreds of students at Alamance Community College, Alamance-Burlington Schools and in the community will be impacted by these innovative projects which range from student camps to course delivery enhancements.



Above, campers learned about graphic design while using the grant-financed Makerspace.



Above, a young student participating in the Faculty/Staff Innovation Grant-financed "Girls Take Over Tech" camp.



The Golden LEAF Foundation has been a reliable and supportive funder when it comes to its support of Alamance Community College and its students.

In the past few years, the Golden LEAF Foundation has awarded:

- \$1 million to fund a new Veterinary Medical Technology program that will offer instruction beginning in 2025. The funds will support the construction of an instructional barn with animal treatment areas at ACC's Covington Education Center in Mebane. Veterinary Medical Technology (VMT) will focus on large animals.
- \$200,000 to help launch a Practical Nursing program in 2024, designed to meet the growing demand for skilled healthcare professionals. The funds paid for first-year personnel and supply costs for a cohort of 40 students. Practical Nursing is designed to be completed in one year, so students can fast-track their careers.
- Nearly \$200,000 to upgrade equipment and software in Computer-Integrated Machining Technology to assist in teaching students high-performance manufacturing techniques.
- The Golden LEAF Foundation regularly funds scholarships for community college students in qualifying counties, including Alamance. Last year, ACC students' education was supported by over \$23,000 in scholarships from the Golden LEAF Foundation.

Golden LEAF Scholarships are particularly helpful because they can be used towards Workforce Development courses of studies as well as the more traditionally funded Curriculum studies.

Announcing New 2024 Scholarships

American Legion Post #427 Scholarship

To provide financial assistance and support to ACC students who are veterans or spouses or children of a veteran.

Alamance County Beekeepers Association Scholarship

To provide financial assistance to students in an Agricultural Sciences program at ACC.

Pat Long CCP Student Support Endowed Scholarship

To assist high school students in the Career and Career Promise program to purchase instructor designated books and supplies.

L. J. Rogers Trucking Scholarship

To provide financial assistance to students enrolled in the Commercial Driver License-A training program.

Russell Culinary School Fund

To provide support to the Culinary program at ACC.

Sims Welding Program Fund

To provide support to the Welding program at ACC.

Support Student Aid by using this QR code



High Demand Programs Need Your Help!

The ACC Foundation is seeking support for scholarships in three high demand fields listed below. Want to help? Contact Barbara.young@alamancecc.edu or 336-506-4416.



VETERINARY MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY (VMT)

Program Overview: Students in the VMT program study a broad curriculum that includes nutrition, diseases, anatomy, anesthesiology, lab techniques, and office practices. Students are exposed to a variety of animal species including dogs, cats, goats, rabbits, horses, and cows. Graduates of the VMT Program are eligible to sit for the state licensure exam in order to become Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs).

Estimated tuition cost per student for one year attending full-time three semesters: \$3,400 tuition plus \$1,100 for scrubs, uniform, stethoscope and vaccinations.

The need: VMT is one of the fastest-growing occupations in the region, state, and country. The demand for RVTs grew by 35.4% in the last ten years in North Carolina.

To find out more about the program, contact jjpedley391@alamancecc.edu. Note at this time, the program is awaiting final approval from the college's accrediting body.



FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING

Program Overview: ACC is accredited by the N.C. Fire and Rescue Commission to deliver certification testing in the following areas: firefighter, emergency vehicle driving, fire and life safety educator, hazardous materials, driver operator, technical rescue, pumps and aerial, instructor and officer.

Estimated tuition cost per student: \$1,500 including tuition, turnout gear rental, uniforms and books.

The need: The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the need for firefighters will increase 5% annually between 2018 and 2028. The continued need for firefighters allows for job growth and career opportunities in North Carolina,

To find out more about the program, contact jglewis514@alamancecc.edu. He can provide guidance about the variety of options and training levels in this program.



COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE - CDL-A & CDL-B

Program Overview: The CDL program opens the door to exciting new career-accelerating opportunities. ACC has full and part-time options and has expanded its resources with a new partner, Best Driving Academy, promising to deliver a comprehensive and impactful learning experience.

Estimated tuition cost per student: CDL-A \$3,430, CDL-B \$2,180

The need: The North Carolina Trucking Association estimates that the state needs about 12,000 more truck drivers to meet current industry demands.

To find out more about enrolling in the program, contact tngarrett996@alamancecc.edu.