The Fresh Start Scholarship Foundation awards scholarships to women returning to college based on need, academic record and motivation to succeed. We provide mentoring to our scholars because we are more than a scholarship foundation. We are a community.

Scholarship applications are available at: www.freshstartscholarship.org/apply

Fresh Start Scholarship Foundation was founded 23 years ago with the hope of making a difference in the lives of women in Delaware by helping them to reach their goals and obtain an undergraduate degree. We have now given over 500 scholarships totaling over $1 million! For the 2018-2019 school year we awarded $99,760 to 52 scholars.

Because many of these hard-working women are the first in their families and social circles to attend college, we also provide them with a mentor who can help them navigate over the rough patches and can assist with their networking for employment after graduation. Of course, the successes of our Scholars set great examples for the people around them, too.

As one of our Scholars said, “Fresh Start has been such a blessing to me and also my family. My daughter has been competing with me in school. Guess what? She beat me last semester because she got all As.” (This woman has a 3.97 GPA headed into her senior year.) She also told us, “[My mentor] has given me so many nuggets of wisdom and is very inspiring. Her story of persevering despite obstacles encourages me to stay focused on my goals.”

Another of our Scholars who re-applied for funding told us that if she had not been funded by Fresh Start again this year she would have had to drop out. She is a single mother of two young children who is on track to get her Associate’s Degree in Accounting next spring because we are able to help her complete her last year. Unfortunately, there are many other women in a similar situation, and we are helping them to complete their degrees one scholarship at a time.

Thank you for all you have done to help women soar! I am honored to serve as President of this organization that is truly making a difference in the lives of women in Delaware, and I look forward to working with you to create many more opportunities going forward.

Best Regards,
Michele Whetzel
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Our 2018-2019 Scholars

Average age: mid to late 30s

Average 2 dependent children

Low-to-moderate income

Almost all working at least one job

Obstacles to prior education include family needs, health challenges, financial barriers, etc.

Financial Statement 2018-2019

TOTAL INCOME: $100,569

Annual Campaign: $28,743
Signature Event: $17,904

In-kind: $10,650
(Wilmington Univ)

Interest: $200
Grants: $43,072

TOTAL EXPENSES: $109,056

Scholarship Program: $101,649
Administrative Expenses: $7,407

Net Operating Income (loss): ($8,487)

ASSETS

Cash: $95,333
Endowment Fund Balance: $318,854
Total Net Assets: $413,642

Hometown

- New Castle County 65.4%
- Kent County 17.3%
- Sussex County 17.3%

Majors

- Social Sciences 16
- Healthcare 15
- Business 5
- Education 7
- Other 0

“My mentor has been great. We discuss my plans, goals and dreams all the time. She gives great advice and also helps me to weigh out the pros and cons of my ideas. She is great to be around and always very encouraging.”

—Lisa J. - Junior
Our Scholars

The Fresh Start Scholarship Foundation awarded scholarships totaling over $90,000 to 52 very deserving Delaware women. Congratulations to all the recipients and best wishes to our graduates!

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- Vickie Farrell
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  BS, Nursing
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- Jamie Kennedy
  A.A.S, Business Administration
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- Justine Keys
  BS, Early Childhood Education
  Springfield College

- Erica Manna
  A.A.S, Radiologic Technology
  Delaware Tech

- Charinel Matos Vargas
  A.A.S, Nursing
  Delaware Tech

- Maia Michael
  BSW, Social Work
  Delaware State Univ.

- Kathea Parker
  A.A.S, Human Services
  Delaware Tech

- Marquita Smith
  A.A.S, Nursing
  Delaware Tech

- Nicole Spencer
  BS, Criminal Justice
  Wilmington Univ.

- Ruthann Stephenson
  A.A.S, Nursing
  Delaware Tech

- Nakia Wallace
  BS, Human Services
  Springfield College

- Lisa White
  A.A.S, Early Childhood Development
  Delaware Tech

- Chloe Wragg
  BS, Psychology
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Q: WHAT DID YOU VALUE MOST ABOUT RECEIVING THE FRESH START SCHOLARSHIP?

A: “Obviously the financial assistance, but also the feeling of there being an entire group of people cheering me on and waiting for me to do well instead of waiting for me to fail.”  
— AMANDA BAKER – 2017 GRADUATE