

# Union County's Vision

"Union County recognizes that our young people are our greatest resource. The reality today is that without training beyond high school, it is almost impossible for a young person to earn a wage which allows them to live independently and raise a family. Almost four out of every 10 graduating high school students in our county do not further their education. We believe this is an issue which must be addressed. The Community Scholarship Program is an investment by Union County Council in our young people. We believe this program will be key to developing a workforce in Union County which will drive growth and economic development in our community for years to come."

– Frank Hart, Union County Supervisor



Union County Council, 2017 from left to right: Joan Little, Ralph A. Tucker, David Sinclair, Frank Hart, Ben C. Ivey, Tommy Lee Hill, Sr., Kacie Petrie

Thank you, Community Partners!



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Community partners working together to offer assistance for students seeking higher education in Union County.

The future of **Union County's growth** lies in the quality and readiness of a **skilled workforce**.

**Union County** and its partners; the Union County School District, the University of South Carolina at Union and Spartanburg Community College have agreed to provide local access to post high school education and training programs.

Successful completion of these programs allows our residents to compete for today's jobs and tomorrow's careers while supporting the sustainment and continued growth of our businesses with an exceptional local workforce.

This partnership sponsors the **Union County Community Scholarship Program** to assist county residents as they prepare for life-changing opportunities to support their families while growing Union County.

For additional information, please call SCC Union County Campus at (864) 466-1060.



## Scholarship Eligibility and Guidelines

### Entrance Guidelines for High School Graduates

- Students must be a current resident of Union County;
- Students must have graduated from Union County High School, Union County Adult Ed, Union Christian Day School, or an approved Union County Home School Program in the previous three academic years or be early graduates in the spring or summer terms;
- Students must enroll within 3 calendar years of high school graduation or completion of GED;
- Students must complete a FAFSA on time and use all federal grants, state awards and other scholarship funds first;
- Awarded scholarships pay tuition and fees, and do not include payment for books and lab fees;
- Students attending USC Union must meet all qualifications for the Life Scholarship to participate;
- Students attending SCC Union County Campus must meet all qualifications for the LTAP or Life Scholarship to participate;
- Students must meet the same criteria for making satisfactory academic progress that recipients of federal financial aid programs must meet;
- Students must enroll in classes offered at the SCC Union County Campus or USC Union to be considered for this scholarship.

### Scholarship Continuation Guidelines

- Students attending USC Union must take 30 semester hours and maintain a 3.0 grade point average to qualify for the scholarship their second year.
- Students attending SCC Union County Campus must maintain a 2.5 grade point average or better to qualify for the scholarship their second year.
- Students must maintain persistent semester-to-semester enrollment.
- Scholarship program awards will apply towards up to 15 semester hours at SCC Union County Campus or up to 18 hours at USC Union each semester (after approval for any federal, state or other scholarship grants which the student is eligible) and up to five consecutive semesters, or a maximum of 60 credit hours at USC Union and 73 credit hours at SCC Union County Campus.

### Advantages & Impact of the Scholarship

- Removes the barrier of affordability; parents and students will not have to worry who will pay for college tuition;
- Prepares students for college credit-bearing coursework;
- Encourages positive academic habits;
- Provides students opportunities for mentoring, tutoring and networking with community and college leaders;
- Enables students to increase their income through postsecondary credentials and training; and
- Will increase Union County's college attendance rate and lead to a work-ready community.



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