

# It's time for your hard work to pay off

And at Francis Marion University it will.

Francis Marion University provides superior higher education to students across a broad academic spectrum. That's our mission. But we're always seeking more of those highly motivated, sharply focused students who are at the heart of any great university. We want them to come to Francis Marion and to know that the academic prowess they have already demonstrated is valued and will be rewarded.

To that end, we're working hard to grow scholarship opportunities for our students. In the past decade, academic scholarship aid at Francis Marion has grown by 47 percent to almost **\$9 million** per year. Scholarships provided by the University and its many donors have grown even more. Giving support for that very special aid is up by 79 percent.

There are an increasing number of options for FMU students and families as they seek the smartest, most efficient path to paying for a great college education. These pages outline the many possibilities. Counselors in our admissions and financial aid offices can help families use these valuable tools to chart their course.

## University Scholarships

The criteria for University scholarships at FMU includes admittance to the University, a score of 1100 or better on the SAT (CR and Math only or equivalent on the redesigned SAT) or 24 ACT Composite, and a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher. All University scholarships, with the exception of the Robert E. McNair Scholarship and the Education Fellow Scholarship, are available to both in-state and out-of-state students.\* Additionally, these scholarships are renewable for up to three years if a student maintains at least a 3.0 GPA and earns 30 credit hours each year. Here's a look at the University scholarships available at FMU:

**The Robert E. McNair Scholarship.** The McNair is named for former S.C. Governor Robert E. McNair, who was instrumental in launching a new four-year college in the Pee Dee (that would be Francis Marion) back in the late 1960s.

McNair Scholars are residents of South Carolina, and possess a strong interest in public service and a public service career. The competitive selection process for McNair Scholars includes interviews, essays, and on-campus visits.

The McNair Scholarship covers a student's **full tuition, housing, and meal plan**. And, it offers a book allowance and funding for a study abroad experience as well. McNair Scholars automatically become part of two prestigious student programs: FMU Honors and Leadership FMU.

The McNair Scholarship application, including the required essays and two letters of recommendation, is due by **December 1**. Awards will be made in January 2017. To apply, visit [www.fmarion.edu/fmuadmissions/mcnair](http://www.fmarion.edu/fmuadmissions/mcnair).

\*Out-of-state students who receive University scholarships also receive an out-of-state tuition waiver estimated at \$40,000 over the course of four years.