

The board of the Michigan State University Retirees Association is pleased to announce a fund drive to support scholarships for OUR students. This fundraising effort will extend from April 2021 to April 2024. With support from MSU retirees and friends, our goal is to raise \$60,000 to increase our current scholarship endowment. \$60,000 is the amount needed to permanently grant another MSURA scholarship on an annual basis.

In challenging times we often extend a helping hand to others. MSURA has been helping MSU students by awarding scholarships since 2015. These scholarships are reserved specifically for the children or grandchildren of MSU retirees or current MSU employees. (Learn more about the MSURA Scholarship by visiting the MSURA website at retirees.msu.edu). In total, MSURA has awarded 11 scholarships of \$2,500 each. The purpose of the scholarships is to help family members of MSU staff and faculty benefit from a first-class MSU education.

Our current scholarship endowment allows us to award two scholarships per year. However, in a time of increased need during the COVID-19 crisis, MSURA reached into our general fund to award a third scholarship for 2020-21. We are launching this fund drive to enable our retiree association to continue providing three scholarships, or more, every year.

Chuck and Philippa Webb, who spearheaded our successful 2015 scholarship fund drive, are serving as honorary chairs of our current fundraising effort. With their experience and guidance, we are optimistic our 2021-24 fund drive will also be successful.

To most retirees, \$60,000 sounds like a challenging target to reach. Fortunately, thanks to the aid of generous supporters and board members, we are more than halfway to our goal. More than \$41,600 of our goal has already been pledged by the MSU Federal Credit Union, StraightLine, an anonymous donor and MSURA board members. Less than \$19,000 is still needed to achieve our goal. We are hopeful our members will step up to help us reach our objective of endowing another annual MSU scholarship.

To reach our goal completely, we are asking for help from the more than 5,000 retirees who make up MSURA. We hope you will donate whatever amount you can. You may make a one-time gift to the scholarship endowment or spread your contribution over the three-year period of the fund drive.

To make a contribution, please click <u>here</u>.

It is gratifying for retirees to help MSU students while we also support the university that means so much to us. MSURA will keep you posted on our fundraising progress with regular reports in our newsletter and E-Notices. Watch as the mercury in our fund drive thermometer continues to climb. With your help, we will reach our goal and be able to give additional support to deserving MSU students.