



# GWINNETT TECH FOUNDATION

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## Scholarships



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# Gwinnett Tech Foundation Has Raised \$1.9 Million Over Past Two Years to Empower Education

**T**hanks to the dedication and commitment of Gwinnett Tech Foundation high-quality educational opportunities preparing students for Georgia's most high-demand jobs are more accessible than ever before. The Foundation has been working diligently behind the scenes the last two years to build scholarship funds by more than \$1.9 million to knock down barriers and open doors to success for students across the North Georgia region.

Sophia Pittman, Executive Director of Advancement for the Gwinnett Tech Foundation shares, "Gwinnett Technical College is one of the largest in the Technical College System of Georgia, so our Foundation must work intently to stay ahead of the curve to meet the growing, ever-changing needs of our students. Our students are some of the brightest and best in our state and we don't want financial barriers to ever keep them from reaching their full potential. Attending a technical college is a game changer. Here at Gwinnett Tech we believe in sustaining our

students by providing the tools they need to be successful."

Over the past two years 1,065 students have been positively impacted by the Foundation through scholarships, grants and emergency assistance. For the 2021 and 2022 academic years, the funds have allowed the award of 287 scholarships.

Pittman shares, "These scholarships and awards have been so critical to our students, especially over the past two years. Many had significant financial setbacks, job losses, and health disruptions due to the pandemic. Some needed to retool their skills or gain new certifications to make them more marketable. Others realized just how short and fragile life can be and decided to finally pursue their dream career. It's been powerful to see how our scholarships were the hope, encouragement, and inspiration students needed to not just survive, but thrive."

Donations to the Foundation come in many forms. Individual donors and family foundations often give to honor their own educational journey or someone passionate about education. Gwinnett Tech's own faculty



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*At Gwinnett Tech, I was able to get an Associate Degree in Construction Management which helped me get my dream job. I was able to meet a lot of people through extracurricular activities and I was able to make a lot of future job connections through teachers and staff. Gwinnett Tech Foundation offered a lot of scholarship opportunities for which I applied for, helping me afford tuition. I am proud of all that I accomplished.*



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*The Gwinnett Tech Foundation has afforded me the opportunity to work in a challenging field that I love dearly. As a Registered Respiratory Therapist at Kennestone Hospital, I work with special patient populations in the ICU that are on life support. There is no greater joy than removing a patient from ventilator support as they recover to full health. The work I do grants me personal fulfillment as well as the chance to pay forward the kindness shown to me during my time at Gwinnett Tech. With the support of the Respiratory Care Program Director, my professors, and the Gwinnett Tech Foundation, I was equipped with both the academic and financial tools that I needed to achieve my goals. The scholarship funds I received ensured that I could finish my program solely focused on my academic endeavors rather than finances. I have Gwinnett Tech to thank for their support and dedication to students in need. Your impact goes far beyond campus and infiltrates the workforce in the state of Georgia.”*



**Meagan Collier**

and staff give to empower life-long learning. Corporations and members of Gwinnett Tech’s industry advisory boards give generously to encourage pursuit of specific career paths. The list of organizations offering scholarships through the Gwinnett Tech Foundation is most impressive and a true testament to the faith they have in the quality education Gwinnett Tech students receive. Long time, major donors include: Mercedes-Benz USA, Clyde and Sandra Strickland, Northside Hospital, The Hudgens Family Foundation, Verizon and others. Furthermore, the Foundation continues to forge new partnerships and receive generous donations from organizations such as Axis, CleanSpark, Inc., Ford ASSET, The Meranacas Foundation, and Atlanta Gas-Light to name a few.

Dr. D. Glen Cannon, President of Gwinnett Technical College says, “We are so very grateful to everyone in the community eager to invest in our students and the future workforce of Georgia. Education is THE driver of prosperity. We are good stewards of the money entrusted to us and are doing our part to break down financial barriers to ensure all students have

equal access to education. The Foundation powers our progress in guaranteeing each student is given the opportunity to develop his or her talents to the fullest and graduate workforce ready.”

Pittman shares, “As the cost of college tuition continues to rise, more and more students are considering technical degree programs as a practical, more affordable path to their career. Hence, our scholarships are more important than ever. They give our students the boost they need to launch a rewarding career in a well-paying job, without accumulating a lot of student debt. We are deeply invested in our students’ success long-term.”

**Scholarship applications for fall semester are accepted in March and those for spring semester are accepted in September. For more information on scholarships, how to give, and how to apply, please visit the Foundation’s website at [GwinnettTech.edu/Foundation/](http://GwinnettTech.edu/Foundation/) or contact the Foundation Office by calling 678-226-6263.**