



A wrap-around support system for our underrepresented, minority students

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

Marquette's nationally acclaimed* Educational Opportunity Program motivates and enables low-income and first-generation students whose parents do not have a baccalaureate degree to enter and succeed in higher education. Founded in 1969, the program came in the wake of crucial events that include the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Milwaukee's open housing marches and student protests.

Urban Scholars

In 2006, Marquette introduced the Urban Scholars program, which offers at least five annual, full-tuition renewable scholarships to high-achieving low-income scholars with a history of leadership and service. The program is rooted in Marquette's tradition of increasing access to higher education and ensuring an inclusive and diverse community.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

RISE, our award-winning pre-orientation program

RISE, or Ready to Inspire Success and Excellence, is an award-winning pre-orientation program for Marquette students of color.** Led by Dr. Xavier Cole in the Division of Student Affairs, RISE provides multicultural and underrepresented students with additional resources, connections and a stronger sense of belonging. In its inaugural year, 50 first-year and transfer students participated.

The Backpack Program

In a recent study, one-in-five Marquette students identified as having experienced food insecurity during the past school year. Marquette's Backpack Program, which was launched to address this issue, is a free and confidential service that provides groceries to any student who is having difficulty accessing affordable, nutritious food and essential household items.

*After its establishment in 1969, EOP quickly gained a national reputation as a model for providing services to help students overcome barriers.

**Association of Jesuit Colleges 2019 Diversity and Social Justice Award



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In June 2020, following racial injustice tragedies across the U.S., President Michael R. Lovell announced several action steps to improve inclusivity of the Marquette campus. President Lovell challenged the Marquette community to substantially increase scholarship support for minority and first-generation students from Milwaukee County. "I truly believe we are sitting at a pivotal moment in our country's history," he said. "As a society, we must demand better. As a university, we must demand more of ourselves."

Research indicates students who live on campus are more likely to thrive and graduate. Marquette is enhancing its fundraising efforts on securing financial commitments to fund room-and-board expenses to remove this significant financial barrier for student success, particularly for first-generation and minority students. Living on campus encourages students to enroll full time, provides students with a deeper feeling of engagement and significantly helps with student retention.

Providing life-changing student opportunities through their living and learning environment

Funding opportunities *(all are for immediate use)*

\$240,000	Fund Room-and-Board for four students and all meals for all four years
\$120,000	Fund Room-and-Board for two students and all meals for all four years
\$60,000	Fund Room-and-Board for one student and all meals for all four years
\$14,000	Fund Room-and-Board and all meals for one student for one year

Additional funding opportunities

Fund the price of books for one student for all four years
Fund the cost of health services and technology for one student for all four years
Fund the price of books for one student for one year
Fund a laptop and wifi for a student in need to ensure equity in virtual learning
Fund the cost of health services and technology for one student for one year

Funding opportunities for multiple years include a modest standard-of-living increase.

