An endowment is a permanent investment fund that may be designated for a specific purpose or may be unrestricted. The Southeastern Foundation invests the fund, and a major portion of its income is spent annually according to the donor guidelines. The remaining income is added back to the fund, thus ensuring the continued growth of the endowment.

Scholarship Endowment
The endowed scholarship program at Southeastern Oklahoma State University provides financial assistance to capable young men and women who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership ability or who have financial need.

How Do I Fund A Scholarship Endowment?
Establishing an endowment is a long-term project, the benefits of which last in perpetuity. Endowments can be initiated with an immediate gift, such as cash, appreciated stock, real estate or other real property that can be liquidated. In addition, endowments can be funded through deferred gifts, also known as planned gifts or estate gifts. They can include charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts and estate-planned giving, just to name a few. These can offer tremendous tax savings, care for surviving heirs, as well as meet the benevolent goals of the donor to assist the University. There are many avenues which an endowment can be funded. Detailed discussion will be tailored to the individual needs and goals of each donor such as tax savings, estate planning and benevolent goals. Please feel free to contact the Office of University Advancement for further confidential conversation with no obligation.

How Are Scholarship Endowments Awarded?
Although criteria for awarding the scholarship should be as flexible as possible, scholarships may be given based on need, merit, or field of study. Criteria are set in consultation with a member of the Development staff to comply with University guidelines and policies. A scholarship may be established to honor family, friends or the donors. They may also be established as a memorial scholarship to honor the memory of a family member, friend or teacher. Other scholarships pay tribute to living persons for their contributions to family, church, university or civic life. Alumni and friends may establish scholarships in appreciation of the assistance they received as students. Gifts may also be given to existing scholarship funds.

How Are Scholarship Endowments Recognized?
Scholarship Endowments are recognized in appropriate University publications. The University also may make efforts to publicize the award of the endowed scholarship in appropriate news media. Each student receiving the award is provided information concerning the donor and the person being honored.

What are the Benefits?
Contributions to all scholarship endowments held by the Southeastern Foundation are tax-deductible. Federal and state tax laws offer advantages for cash gifts, appreciated stocks and other assets.

For more information on Scholarship Endowments at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, please contact: Office of University Advancement at 580.745.2236