

Why a university education?

Education = Opportunity

Less than 1% of Haitian youth go on to receive a university degree. Yet a university education can result in a Haitian young adult that is skilled, self-reliant, and visionary. These qualities impact the entire Haitian community and have long-lasting results on economic development and social improvements.

What role does HCM have in a student's higher education?

Students who pass Haiti's baccalauréat exam often require scholarships or other types of financial support to attend university. For more than 20 years, HCM has provided scholarship assistance to students who qualify for university programs. More than 27 young Haitians have been given a bright future thanks to the generosity of scholarship donations. These HCM students have gone on to become teachers, linguists, accountants, and community developers.

How much does it cost to attend?

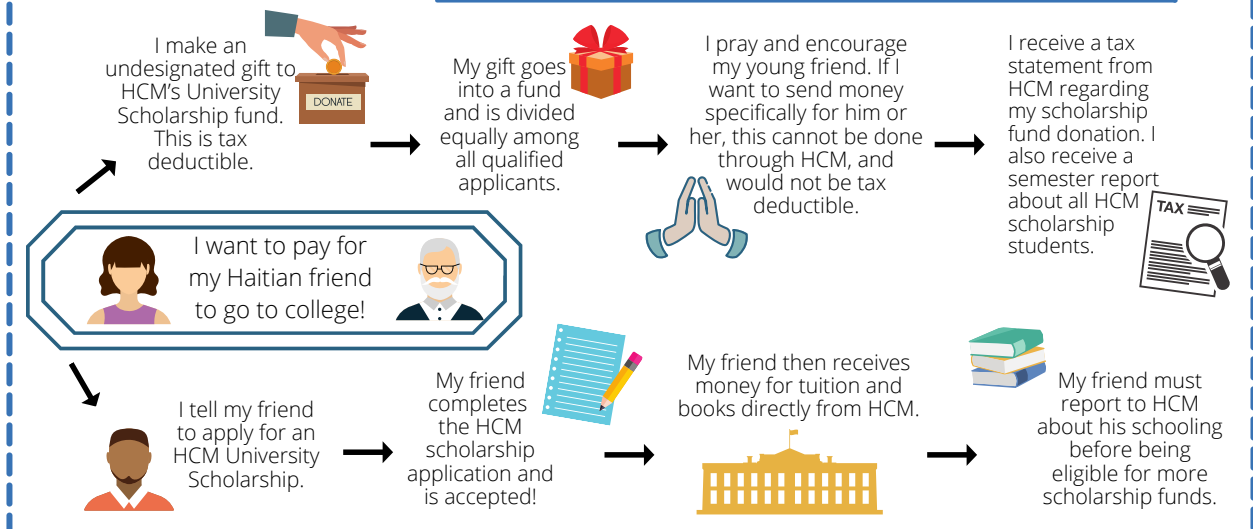
Most HCM students will attend one of two universities, the University of Port Au Prince, or the University of Haiti. Both offer four-year degrees in a variety of programs. The average tuition per semester is \$1,200. The scholarship is intended to cover the entire cost of attending the University, as the Haitian students would not have other sources of financial aid to cover any remaining costs.

Dr. Marco



Dr. Marco's involvement with HCM started when he was a student in an HCM school. Dr. Marco continued his education through an HCM scholarship and later attended Dentistry School. During his training, Dr. Marco spent much of his free time volunteering on HCM's campus. As HCM donors supported Dr. Marco's education, he in return invested back into his local community. Most recently, HCM's Christ for all Hospital brought Dr. Marco on staff as the first resident dentist. His talents and dedication are a gift to all who come in need of his services.

How does the HCM University Fund work?



HCM's University Scholarship Program

Donations are made to HCM's university scholarship fund. Recipients of the scholarships are then chosen from worthy applicants. The amount given to qualifying students will be equal, and dependent on the amount in the fund. Students will be expected to meet the criteria each semester before their scholarship is renewed.

As you consider a gift to help HCM's University Scholarship fund, please take note of the following questions:

Q: Can I send my money to HCM to directly support a specific student, for whatever amount I want to?

A: Due to IRS regulations, HCM will not serve as a pass-through for tuition payments for specific Haitian students. In addition, donors cannot take a charitable deduction for a scholarship that is earmarked for the benefit of a specific individual, even if that individual is unrelated to the donor https://www.irs.gov/publications/p526#en_US_2020_publink1000229694

Q: What types of costs are covered by a scholarship?

A: Scholarship funds will be used for tuition, fees, books, and some living expenses.

Q: How can I be sure that HCM actually uses the money for university scholarships?

A: A donor may request financial reports to review how the funds have been used for the university scholarship program.

Q: As the donor supporting a scholarship program, what types of communication or engagement with scholarship recipients are allowable?

A: While donors cannot have a dominant voice in the process of selecting scholarship recipients, they may share with HCM character references on behalf of a specific student, which HCM can consider in the selection process.

Q: What types of reporting or updates from scholarship recipients can I request, and how can I go about requesting such reports?

A: Specific types of information, such as letters from scholarship recipients and other reports, can be requested by the donor. HCM will contact the scholarship recipients to obtain materials and updates requested.

*Thank you for your consideration of this important program. Investing in the life of a Haitian University student will have a specific, yet powerful impact on changing Haiti. For more questions or on how to give, please contact **Jonus Dorlus at Dorlus@haitianchristianmission.org**.*

Just after a saving faith in Jesus Christ, education is the key to dramatically changing a life. Will you please consider investing in HCM's University scholarship program and provide a life-changing experience for a Haitian young person? They truly can not do it without your help.