

THE MIKE AND PATTY FERY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

for Under-represented Populations 2024-2025 Award Year Application

Donors: Mike and Patty Fery

Mike and Patty were both born and raised in Boise, Idaho. Mike attended the U of I on a full scholarship for football and pledged Delta Tau Delta. Patty entered the U of I as a sophomore, having spent her freshman year at BSU. She pledged Gamma Phi Beta.

They both believe in the powerful value of an education at the U of I. Two of their three children graduated from the U of I, as well as Mike's brother, Patty's parents, and her brother.

Mike earned a Business degree specializing in Finance and Patty earned a Public Relations and Advertising degree with a minor in Marketing. Mike left the football team after the first year to focus on his education. He has Dyslexia, which makes academic work very challenging. At the time, academic support was not available. Mike graduated successfully and is a CEO and owner of a commercial real estate development company as well as two operating businesses in motels and express tunnel car washes.

Patty was very involved in her sorority holding many offices such as Recruitment Chair and President. She wrote for the school newspaper and served on the panhellenic council. Her degree led her into the marketing and communications industry before becoming a mother to three children.

Providing scholarships for students to attend and thrive at the U of I is an important life goal for both Mike and Patty. They feel strongly that the education offered at the U of I is outstanding and of great value. They also want to provide an example for others to continue giving to the University of Idaho and helping students reach their dreams and goals.

Purpose

It is intended that the *Mike and Patty Fery Scholarship Endowment* be awarded annually to at least one deserving student in accordance with the award guidelines, selection criteria, and selection procedures set forth below. If the selection criteria expressed below are at any time in the University of Idaho's sole determination unenforceable or unlawful, then the University shall make awards without regard to such criteria but otherwise in accordance with the donors' more general purpose of providing student scholarships.

Award Guidelines

1. The number of scholarships awarded each year, and their amounts shall be dependent on the annual earnings generated by the endowment. As the endowment earnings grow, the number of scholarships awarded each year and/or their amounts may be increased.
2. Scholarships may be used for educational expenses including, but not limited to tuition, fees, books, and room and board.
3. The scholarship shall be awarded for one year only; however, the recipient may receive this scholarship in subsequent years if they continue to meet the selection criteria.

Deadline

5 p.m. Thursday, March 23, 2024. *Deliver completed application to the Vandal Success Center on the 3rd floor of the ISUB or email to ssstrio@uidaho.edu. Please address questions to Mercedes Frausto at mercedesf@uidaho.edu or 208-885-7641.*

Eligibility Criteria

1. Recipients shall be enrolled in a degree-seeking program at the University of Idaho.
2. Priority will be provided to students who:
 - a. Demonstrate financial need as determined by Student Financial Aid Services
 - b. Have a learning disability with preference given to Dyslexia and ADHD
 - c. Graduate from smaller high schools