

Profile

The John Huntington Fund for Education



More than 100 years after his death, the philanthropic legacy of oil executive John Huntington continues to inspire Cuyahoga County and its aspiring engineers, scientists, mathematicians, nurses and nutritionists.

In 1918, the John Huntington Art & Polytechnic Institute, created through Huntington's bequest, opened to a handful of Cleveland-area students. The institute provided educational opportunities to students in applied arts and industrial occupations. It gained momentum until it was disbanded in 1953, giving rise to the John Huntington Fund for Education.

The resulting fund has provided steadfast support to Case Western Reserve University, having funded more than \$15.5 million in scholarships to deserving Cuyahoga County residents pursuing a Case Western Reserve education in a technical field.

In the past 10 years alone, the fund has provided more than 2,200 awards to qualifying Case Western Reserve students.

"The John Huntington Fund for Education has allowed me to really focus on academics," says Paula Simpson (CWR '12), a nursing student who came off active duty from the Army in the fall of 2008 after 13 years of service. "After I get my degree I want to travel to developing countries and provide medical services to people there."

Simpson is one of the 228 current Case Western Reserve students who receive scholarship assistance from the fund.

"Because of scholarship programs like the John Huntington Fund for Education, some of the most talented young minds in Northeast Ohio have been afforded the benefits of a world-class education," says Rick Bischoff, the university's vice president for enrollment management. "These students go on to be leaders and innovators in our community and around the world."