“There are a lot of talented youth out there with no one helping them to make the most of themselves,” says Tommy Walls, current Marquette student, who emerged from a devastating childhood that “was not good for me mentally, physically, or emotionally.” Tommy’s father was in jail and his mother was dealing drugs and infected with HIV. “This Urban Scholars award gives me the upper hand to get out into the community and achieve what I need to achieve.”

Urban Scholars: gifted, promising students who will be tomorrow’s diverse leaders.

Purpose
Opens the door to a Marquette education for the best and brightest—and many times first generation—students from high-need urban populations.

Sees those students through to successful degree completion by providing renewable awards through all four undergraduate years.

Gift options

**Endowed scholarship:** $50,000 (and up) payable over five years.
Provides a named Urban Scholars award in perpetuity.

**Named current-use scholarship:**
$20,000 payable over four years or $25,000 over five years (minimum of $5,000 per year)—or name a one-year scholarship with $25,000 over one year.

Outcome
Bridges the widening economic gap for urban students, most of whom could not otherwise afford to go to college.

Helps the university recruit the most capable and committed students to our campus, thereby creating for all of our students a more vibrant, multi-dimensional experience.

A scholarship program that benefits talented, high-need, first-generation urban students

As an urban, Jesuit university, Marquette is committed to educating talented first-generation students from economically disadvantaged neighborhoods in Milwaukee and Chicago. These students face financial challenges, and scholarships play a major role in offering them the chance to attend Marquette.

Marquette’s **Urban Scholars Program** provides awards ensuring full tuition support for ten new students annually, based on academic merit, financial need and demonstrated leadership in curricular and extracurricular activities. These awards can be renewed for each year of a recipient’s four year undergraduate program as long as the student maintains good academic standing.

**Ten Total Scholarships:**

- **Six** scholarships are granted to Milwaukee-area graduates:
  - Two awards to members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee.
  - Four awards to students from local public and private high schools, with special consideration for graduates of Nativity Jesuit Middle School and Notre Dame Middle School for Girls as well as for student participants in the College Readiness 21 Program.

- **Three** scholarships are awarded to graduates of Cristo Rey High School in Chicago, a Jesuit, college preparatory school for urban youth who have limited educational options but high academic drive;

- **One** scholarship is given to a graduate of one of the 24 member schools in the national Cristo Rey network.

Give students the hope that they can go to college.
Let’s work together until there are no more first generation students!

Scholarships Change Lives