



Memorandum

September 9, 2024

To: University of Toledo supporters and constituents

From: The University of Toledo Foundation

Re: The Impact of the 2023 US Supreme Court Ruling on Race-based Scholarships

We are writing to provide an update on The University of Toledo's actions since last-year's US Supreme Court ruling on race-based admissions and its significant impact on race-based scholarship funds. As you may know, this decision prohibits the consideration of race in college admissions and has been broadly interpreted to directly affect how institutions can award scholarships designed to support students from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds.

For many years, race-based scholarships have been crucial in providing access to higher education for students from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, helping to level the playing field and offering opportunities to those who might otherwise face significant barriers. In light of the Supreme Court's ruling, we must adapt our strategies to continue supporting diversity, equity and inclusion at The University of Toledo.

While this ruling presents new challenges, it also encourages us to explore innovative ways to maintain and enhance our commitment to diversity. We are actively working to amend scholarship agreements in a way that complies with the new legal framework while still addressing the financial needs and barriers faced by underrepresented students. This may include a shift towards need-based scholarships, scholarships that consider a broader range of socio-economic factors or other creative approaches that align with our core values.

Continued support from donors is more important than ever as we navigate these changes. By working together, we can ensure that scholarship programs remain robust and effective in providing opportunities for all deserving students, empowering them to achieve their full potential regardless of their background.

We will continue to provide updates as we work through this process.

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