

Sample Language for Donor Bios/Legacy Statements

Sample 1:

John Doe graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in history in 1980. After graduating, he spent 35 years in a career focused in the public policy arena and in consulting for Fortune 100 clients. Since retiring from that world, he's combined his business experience with his liberal arts foundation by building and incubating several successful start-up businesses.

John's belief that a liberal arts degree allows students to pursue a broad range of interests and prepares them for a lifetime of learning and critical thinking led him to create this scholarship with his wife. Their hope is to lend a helping hand to students to explore many subjects, expand their world, and apply those experiences to improving the world around them.

Sample 2:

John and Jane Doe have been residents of Florida since 2008. John grew up in Dalton, GA and spent his career in sales and marketing. He also worked in the sports marketing industry with various sports properties and NFL teams. Jane grew up in south Georgia and spent her career in the technology and telecom industry. She currently serves on the board of directors for two different arts organizations in her local community.

John and Jane met at the University of Georgia and credit their education at UGA to opening up opportunities for them after graduation. Both John and Jane benefitted from scholarship support while at UGA, and they want to pay it forward to the next generation through this scholarship. It is their hope that the recipients of this scholarship will do the same for future generations.

Sample 3:

University of Georgia alum John Doe establishes this scholarship in honor of two UGA history professors who positively impacted his life: John Smith and Hairy Dawg. Mr. Doe was raised in Rabun County and after being honorably discharged from the military, he was accepted to UGA in September 1961. Tuition was costly and Mr. Doe worked multiple jobs in order to cover tuition. In the summer of 1963, he became a research assistant for John Smith and Hairy Dawg. These professors positively impacted his life and helped him determine that he wanted to attend law school. Mr. Doe credits his career success as an attorney to these professors and to the education that he received at the University of Georgia.

Mr. Doe's son and daughter both attended UGA, and he has two grandchildren that also attended the University. This scholarship represents an investment from the entire Doe family, and it is the family's hope that this scholarship will continue to make a UGA education possible for the students who need it the most. The family believes in the power of education to change lives.