Merit scholarships help attract the best students and create a diverse and outstanding student body—a defining characteristic and strength of Yale SOM.

Last year, the Yale School of Management spent $8 million on scholarships. Philanthropic support covered one-third of this expense, with the balance coming from the school’s general operating budget. Yale SOM provides scholarships to approximately 41% of full-time MBA students, while many of our peer business schools are able to offer larger scholarships to a greater number of students. Yale SOM is committed to increasing its scholarship support.

Donors play an essential role in helping make Yale SOM accessible to the best students and supporting them throughout their studies. Donations to support scholarships are incremental and will supplement, rather than replace, school funding. When you invest in Alumni Fund scholarships, you join the school in its dedication to ensuring a competitive level of support for its students — tomorrow’s leaders for business and society.

Scholarship support can be the deciding factor in a student’s choice to attend Yale SOM. With an applicant pool that has grown significantly in recent years, Yale SOM has the opportunity to compete for the most promising students — and enroll them at a rate in line with our peer schools.

I am so thankful for the generous scholarship support provided for my first year of study at the Yale School of Management. My experience so far has given me the skills to approach problem-solving from the perspective of an investor, economist, entrepreneur, CFO, CMO, and CEO. The integrated curriculum and conversations with my professors and classmates have opened my mind to a multitude of ways to serve others and sharpened my vision of the paths I might pursue in impact investing, entrepreneurship, nonprofit management, and public policy. I feel grateful to be learning from some of the brightest thinkers in the world whose lessons not only provide rich content, guiding principles, and highly applicable skills, but also instill a proactive sense of humility—a humble recognition of our limitations as humans along with knowledge about the processes and structures we can design to help mitigate these shortcomings in ourselves and others.

— Elle Brunsdale ’15 B.A., ’19
I come from an inner city London background and making it to Yale SOM on a scholarship is a dream come true. I don’t know anyone from my background who has had a similar opportunity and am immensely grateful for getting this chance.

As you may imagine, I am fully immersed in the coursework, but there is still time to contribute and partake in the amazing Yale SOM community. My extra-curricular activities have included organizing story-telling sessions, in which my classmates connect with each other in deeper and more meaningful ways, and being involved with the Internship Fund, helping to raise funds for SOMers to continue contributing to business and society.

I am quite convinced Yale SOM is a special place. So much has changed in terms of our new Evans Hall building, but so much remains the same in terms of the culture of supporting each other to achieve success.

— Lawrence Binitie ’18