

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Mel Hetland Services 2021

The Asheville City Schools Foundation is an independent 501 c3 organization dedicated to educational success for all students in Asheville City Schools. Our mission is to implement bold strategies, fund big ideas, and engage the community to increase excellence with equity for all children. Ensuring equal opportunities and access to education for all students is central to our mission. Our work impacts over 4,400 students each year through after-school programming, grants to educators, emergency assistance, classroom artists in residency and college scholarships. Since 2000, ACSF has awarded over 1.8 million directly to teacher-led projects, served over 2,200 unduplicated students in after-school, and awarded over 2.8 million dollars in college scholarships.

Community Plate donations to award a one time scholarship in memory of Mel Hetland to an Asheville High School or SILSA senior who will be attending a publicly funded NC college, has given back to their community through volunteer service, and who demonstrates financial need. We give special consideration to students who are first generation college attendees.

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for believing in my potential by funding the Asheville City School Foundation Scholarships. As I begin my journey to a new chapter of my life... I promise to always come back to those who supported me and believed in my potential, and provide guidance for new students [who] are in the same shoes. In addition, I promise to use my bilingual powers and passion for my community to teach others about social justice and love for our cultures and diversity. I believe that helping incoming students would be my way to honor your generosity and kindness. I cannot thank you enough for believing in my potential.”

- 2020 ACSF Scholarship Recipient

ACSF offers volunteer opportunities for community members to support high school students with their scholarship and college applications. Please visit our website at www.acsf.org for more information.