

John Marshall Society

Providing for the Future of Marshall University Through Private Support



An Invitation for Membership in the John Marshall Society

The John Marshall Society provides deserved recognition to individuals who make significant contributions to the growth and development of Marshall University and its students. Loyal support by Marshall's alumni and friends enables the university to broaden the scope of academic, athletic and cultural programs for students, faculty and the community. You are invited to become a member.

The Need

Marshall derives its basic financial support from the state of West Virginia. As the university seeks to fulfill its mission to provide exceptional educational opportunities, private contributions are needed. Great public institutions are built upon the foundation of private gifts from individuals who believe in the mission of the institution and the future of education.

Private gifts support important programs such as undergraduate and graduate scholarships, graduate fellowships and assistantships. In addition, gifts support faculty development and research programs that enable faculty members to become involved in a variety of professional and scholarly activities. Private gifts help expand our university with facilities like the John Deaver Drinko Library, Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center, Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center and the Shewey Athletic Building.

Philanthropy also provides for the establishment of distinguished chairs and professorships in the various academic departments, thus enhancing the quality and diversity of programs. Student recruitment, study abroad opportunities and cultural opportunities also benefit from private funding.

Membership

Lifetime membership in the John Marshall Society is awarded to individuals who have made a significant financial donation to the university. Contribution levels include a one-time gift of \$15,000 or more, a pledge of \$4,000 annually over a 5-year period or an irrevocable deferred gift of \$50,000 or more. Examples of the latter include a whole life insurance policy (with a university foundation* as owner and beneficiary), or an irrevocable trust agreement naming a university foundation* as the beneficiary. In addition, contributions to establish a charitable gift annuity (CGA) of \$100,000 or more qualify individuals for membership.

Corporations making a one-time gift of \$25,000 or more or \$50,000 over a 5-year period to a university foundation* may designate one company representative to receive the recognition and courtesies of membership.

Financial contributions may be designated for the university's greatest needs or for a specific scholarship, project or college within the university. All gifts qualify as charitable contributions and may be tax deductible as determined by law.

Courtesies to Members

Individuals make significant contributions to Marshall University because of a commitment to academic excellence and pride in Marshall's long tradition of quality education. In appreciation, the university recognizes these generous contributors as members of the John Marshall Society. The following courtesies are extended:

- Opportunities to participate in the life of the university.
- Access to the university library.
- University publications and special mailings.
- Parking privileges when visiting campus (except for home athletic games).
- Recognition in publications, as appropriate.



Membership in the John Marshall Society

The John Marshall Society is a distinguished group of individuals committed to the belief that the future excellence of Marshall University can be achieved only through private support. My/our gift to be applied toward membership is:

- A minimum one-time gift of \$15,000 or more. Gift amount _____.
- Pledge of a minimum of \$20,000 to be paid in installments of \$4,000 (or more) per year for a maximum of 5 years. Gift amount _____ to be paid in annual installments of _____.
- Pledge of an irrevocable deferred gift of \$50,000 or more, or a \$100,000 or more CGA. Deferred gift option _____ with a value of _____.
- Corporate membership for a one-time gift of \$25,000 or more or \$50,000 over a 5-year period. Gift amount _____ to be paid in annual installments of _____.
- By checking this box, I consent to this gift being listed in Marshall University publications.

*Gifts are payable to The Marshall University Foundation Inc., the Big Green Scholarship Foundation Inc. or the Marshall University Graduate College Foundation Inc. Gifts will be used to support the greatest needs of Marshall University unless designated for a specific purpose.

Designation _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please indicate how you would like your name(s) to appear in the membership record.

Thank you for your loyalty and dedication. The future of Marshall University will be shaped by your generosity.

Additional information may be obtained from the Office of Development, Marshall University, One John Marshall Drive, Huntington, WV 25755-6002, or by telephoning (304) 696-6214 or (800) 682-5869.

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