



# IOWA STATE ACACIA CHAPTER FOUNDATION

*Acacians Working Together to Ensure the Future of the Iowa State Chapter*

*Established 2019*

## 1st Quarter 2023 Donations Total \$24,650

Your **IOWA STATE ACACIA CHAPTER FOUNDATION** is three years old. It has had a very successful launch and has enabled our donors to ensure that the maximum amount of their contributions are serving the alumni Brother's objectives. Shown below is a summary of the receipts and distributions for the first quarter, ending March 31, 2023.

Highlights of the financial success of the **FOUNDATION** include the following:

Total donations from alumni for 2023:	\$ 24,650
Earnings on donations	<u>2,349</u>
<b>Total funds received</b>	<b><u>\$ 26,999</u></b>

Use of those funds include the following:

Payment for educational-use operating expenses	64,537
Chapter member scholarships	0
Foundation operating expenses	<u>0</u>
<b>Total funds used</b>	<b><u>\$ 64,537</u></b>

Funds in **FOUNDATION** accounts:

Checking Account	\$ 1,725
Money Market Settlement Account	11,287
Educational-Use Reimbursement Account	49,977
Endowed Chapter House Expense Account	46,581
Endowed General Scholarship Account	18,732
Endowed Named Scholarship Accounts	<u>297,564</u>
<b>Total Assets of the Foundation</b>	<b><u>\$ 425,866</u></b>

2023 has started off well with alumni stepping forward to help the ISACF in its quest to raise funds for scholarships and to cover the educational-use expenses of the chapter house. We have nearly \$300,000 donated for named scholarships, and just over \$316,000 in funds that will provide scholarships to members of the chapter. The ISACF has invested these funds in a variety of mutual funds in our account at Vanguard that are designed to provide as much funds as possible for scholarships. We currently have approximately \$9,900 of scholarship funds available. We estimate that an additional \$7,000 will be added to the starting amount and will be available by year-end.

A major use of funds so far this year has been the reimbursement to the alumni board of the educational-use expenses in the previous fiscal year. The ISACF began 2023 with \$114,514 in the educational-use reimbursement account. We have paid \$64,537 to the alumni board, and will have nearly \$50,000 remaining in this account. Donations by our alumni who are completing their pledges for the chapter house are being deposited into this account as they are the most direct means we have to assist the alumni board in covering the operating costs of the chapter house. To the many alumni who have, or are completing their pledges, we extend a big **THANK YOU** to each and every one of you!

Typically, the actual costs to operate the Foundation are **less than 2%** of the total expenses paid by the Foundation. All of the normal costs incurred to operate the **FOUNDATION** have been paid by the members of the Board of Directors. Every penny donated by our alumni have been used to reimburse **The Acacians** (the alumni board of the chapter) for expenses incurred in operation the educational-use portion of the chapter house or to provide scholarships for the active chapter members.

A total of **13** Iowa State Acacia Brothers, relatives and friends contributed funds to the foundation so far in 2023. Two of our alumni work for firms that provide matching gifts as well, which further enhances our ability to provide scholarships to the active chapter members. Our objective is to promote the **FOUNDATION** to our ISU Acacia alumni and friends as the primary vehicle for their annual charitable donations, and for consideration in their estate planning. The sharing of unexpected taxable financial windfalls, such as an inheritance, a financial success or a major lottery win, are gratefully accepted!

The Board of Directors is deeply grateful for the generous support of the alumni of the Iowa State Chapter. Your faith in us and belief in our mission to support the recruitment and academic success of the current and future men of **Acacia Fraternity at Iowa State** is essential to the long-term success of the chapter. With all of us working together we can ensure the long-term success of our chapter. The Board of Directors would like to publicly recognize and thank the Brothers and friends listed below for their support of the **IOWA STATE ACACIA CHAPTER FOUNDATION**!

**Fund #1 Educational-Use Fund**

Richard W. Taylor #506 Robert K. Borcharding #978 Jeffrey L. Peil #991 Noah J. Gullikson #1050 Matthew P. Zylstra #1061  
Andrew D. Doherty #1085 Addison G. Kistler #1094 William J. Mengler #1158

Robert Sibilski - parent

Caterpillar Foundation\*

Gates Industrial Corporation Foundation\*\*

**Fund #2 Endowed Chapter House Operating Expense Account**

Dale W. Weber #436 Thomas A. Plagman #785

**Fund #3 Endowed Scholarship Account**

Roger W. Kingery #902

**Fund #4 Named Scholarship Account**

Harold D. Zarr Jr. #814

**NOTES:** \* Matching gift of donation from Noah J. Gullikson #1050

\*\* Matching gift donation from Gabriel McCoy #1098

Direct donations to the ISACF based on your RMD requirements are an excellent method to 1) satisfy the distribution requirements from your retirement account and 2) reduce your taxable income (and taxes) at the same time! A number of our alumni have used this method to provide funds for named scholarship accounts. This method benefits both the donor and the scholarship recipients from the earnings of the investments.

For those brothers who wish to reduce their estate in order to minimize or reduce their potential estate taxes, they can do so by donating non-tax deductible funds of up to \$15,000 annually (\$30,000 for a couple filing jointly) to any person or organization without being required to report these donations to the IRS. This is an excellent method of legally avoiding estate taxes should your estate's value be within reach of being estate taxed.

One additional beneficiary of such donations for a Brother to consider is **The Acacians**, the ISU Acacia alumni organization which owns the chapter house. By so doing the donor reduces his/their estate tax by potentially as much as 40% of the donation amount while benefiting The Acacians with 100% of the donation amount. These donations can be repeated annually to accumulate a significant tax saving over time.

**Finally, it is not necessary that the full amount of your pledge be sent in immediately.** We recognize that for many alumni, it is far more convenient to establish a payment schedule that extend for a number of years. Some of our alumni have established donations that are incorporated into their estate plans. Regardless of the method or timing, we want to work with our alumni to create a plan that will work comfortably for that Brother. If you are interested in setting up a regular payment plan, or want to establish an estate gift, we are here to work with you. Simply contact Jim Davis (phone 480-299-1813 or e-mail at [jimdavisestancia@gmail.com](mailto:jimdavisestancia@gmail.com)) or Harold Zarr (phone 515-257-4683 or e-mail at [acacia\\_814@hotmail.com](mailto:acacia_814@hotmail.com)) and let us know which fund(s) you would like to support. So Live!