

EXPANSION OF THE CLUB'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Through the extreme generosity of its members, including an anonymous donor, in 2023 the Club raised \$100,000 to help fund its various Scholarship programs. We are back this year with a new match of \$30,000 and a new overall fundraising goal of \$60,000. If achieved, the Club will have now raised over \$250,000 since the program's inception.

The success of the Club's suite of Scholarship programs is evident in:

- The number of current and former McPherson students with Franklin motor cars, now at nearly a dozen.
- Over 60 students having attended at least one Trek.
 - A Trek return ratio of over 50% for first year student attendees.
 - Outreach with McPherson College, with two faculty members attending our most recent Trek.



Ernie Skehan, McPherson '26



Hudson Kimmel, McPherson '30

There has been strong financial support within the Club to fund and expand the programs to increase our outreach while building a deeper relationship with McPherson College. Over 100 Members have contributed to these efforts..

We are now trying to help solidify the programs to make them compelling to current students and to further institutionalize the Club's relationship with McPherson College. The Club is seeking to

become the most sought after "old car" scholarship available to McPherson students, while fitting this activity within the financial capacity of the Club.

To realize these goals we are striving again to reach new milestones and have increased the number of ways we interact with the students and the college. If fully utilized by eligible program participants, our annual program expenditures will exceed \$37,000.

This program is entirely supported by contributions from Members and not by dues.

A summary of the elements of the program are as follows:

- Up to 10 annual Student Experience slots available to McPherson students as first year Trek attendees.
- Student Experience attendees can continue to participate at a reduced cost through the Arnie Fund Program through graduation and up to age 25.
- Up to two \$5,000 grants annually for McPherson students to acquire, recommission, or restore a Franklin.
- Up to 5 students annually are eligible for Sinclair Powell Scholarships for tuition reimbursement of \$2,500 in year one of eligibility, \$3,000 in year two of eligibility, and \$3,500 in year three, if eligible.
- The McPherson College Auto Restoration program receives a \$7,500 donation from the Club for each 10 new students who attend the Trek.
- McPherson Auto Restoration faculty attending the Trek receive an honorarium and a donation to the program directed by the faculty members.

We are most grateful for the continued generous support of Club members of these programs which bring renewed vitality to our Club.

Gavin Powell, McPherson '26, Edwin Buitter, McPherson '25
and Eli Freed, McPherson '26



Hunter Powell, McPherson '27



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