The FIT Foundation

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The FIT Foundation secures financial support to advance FIT's mission.

Originally formed in 1944 as The Educational Foundation for the Fashion Industries, the FIT Foundation raises funds for FIT's strategic priorities, such as scholarships, program support, and capital projects. The FIT Foundation serves as a bridge between donors and FIT's schools, departments, and programs, building a vibrant community of support among alumni, industry, and friends of FIT.

The FIT Foundation is designated a tax-exempt institution under Federal Internal Revenue Service Code Section 501(c)(3).

FIT has received recognition from the fashion and related industries, alumni, and friends through generous financial gifts. The list of commencement awards, loan funds, and scholarships attests to their commitment to the college.

HONORARY CHAIRS

Emily Wilkens Chair in External Impressions In 1965, the Board of Trustees of the Fashion Institute of Technology established a chair honoring Ms. Wilkens for her assistance and counsel in founding a program to foster self-evaluation and self-improvement as steps toward social maturity.

ENDOWMENTS

Edwin Goodman Endowment in Fashion (Buying and Merchandising) In 1955, the Goodman family established an endowment of fashion in memory of Edwin Goodman, of Bergdorf Goodman. The endowment made possible the development of the Fashion Business Management major.

International Fabricare Institute Endowment in Textile and Apparel Care Technology In 1966, the National Institute of Dry Cleaning established an endowment in textile and apparel care technology. This endowment helped to develop materials and programs for the distribution of information about servicing and maintaining fashion products to designers, manufacturers, and distributors, as well as maintenance of the Textile and Apparel Lab.

The Wool Bureau Endowment In 1968, The Wool Bureau, Inc., established an endowment for the development of a program to enrich knowledge and awareness of the utilization of wool and wool textile products in apparel and home furnishings. The endowment achieves these objectives through teaching, through direct applications in design and manufacturing technology, and through research involving wool and wool products.

Trifari, Krussman and Fishel, Inc., Endowment in Jewelry In 1975, the world-renowned jewelry firm of Trifari, Krussman and Fishel, Inc., endowed a jewelry design laboratory in honor of the company's 50th anniversary. The endowment is used to assist the program in Jewelry Design, which began in September 1975.

The Shirley Goodman Resource Center Endowment In 1975, a resource center support fund was named and endowed to honor Shirley Goodman, executive vice president emeritus of FIT and executive director of the FIT Foundation (1949-91). Today, the Shirley Goodman Resource Center houses the Gladys Marcus Library, The Museum at FIT, and the School of Graduate Studies.

The Revion Endowment in Cosmetics Marketing In 1980, the Revion Corporation established an endowed fund to enrich and extend the Cosmetics and Fragrance Marketing program. Each year, one student is awarded the Revion Commencement Award for Academic Achievement.

Jack C. Lebowitz Endowment in Menswear In 1981, the National Association of Men's Sportswear Buyers created an endowment in Menswear. The endowment honors the memory of Mr. Lebowitz, a former buyer at Macy's.

Norman M. Morris Endowment in Jewelry Design In 1981, Norman M. Morris, whose firm was the United States agent for Omega watches, established an endowed fund in Jewelry Design. The fund provides for the inclusion of watch design within the department's program of study.

Scovill Endowment in Research and Design In 1984, the Scovill Apparel Fasteners Group provided an endowment for research in product design and applications emphasizing fasteners utilization. The chair of this endowment serves as the liaison between students and faculty and the fasteners industry.

Intimate Apparel Endowment in Fashion Design In 1985, a league of corporation and private sponsors, primarily in the intimate apparel industry, endowed funds to develop an intimate apparel specialization in the Fashion Design BFA program. Part of these funds are used for a yearly honor scholarship and merit award for students studying intimate apparel.

The Mildred Custin Room In 1986, family and friends of Mildred Custin, known as America's "first lady" of retailing, endowed funds to name and maintain a room in her honor. Today, the Mildred Custin Room is a highly used computer library resource lab.

Gustav Neimeyer Endowment in Jewelry Design In 1988, the trustees of the Gustav H. Neimeyer Memorial Education Fund voted to create a discretionary endowment with the remaining assets of the fund for the Jewelry Design Department.

The Colin Birch Memorial Window In 1990, friends of Colin Birch, the display window artist at Bloomingdale's for many years, endowed funds to maintain FIT's display window on Seventh Avenue. This window and its ever-changing displays by Visual Presentation and Exhibition Design students act as a living memorial to Mr. Birch.

Phillips-Van Heusen Endowment in Menswear In 1990, the Phillips-Van Heusen Corporation created an endowment to enrich the program in Menswear.

Lawrence Israel Lecture Series in Interior Design In 1997, Professor Lawrence Israel, architect and faculty member, established an endowed fund for the Interior Design Department to create the Lawrence Israel Lecture Series of distinguished design professionals.

Mildred Rothman Endowment in Educational Skills In 1998, this endowment was bequeathed by Professor Mildred Rothman to be used for the benefit of students in Educational Skills.

Elsa Peretti Professorship in Jewelry Design In 2001, Tiffany and Co. established the Elsa Peretti Professorship in Jewelry Design. On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its successful and rewarding collaboration with Elsa Peretti, Tiffany created a perpetual fund for faculty salary support in the Jewelry Design Department. At Ms. Peretti's request, the endowment is established in honor of her long friendship and professional association with Samuel Beizer, founding chairman of FIT's Jewelry Design Department.

George T. Dorsch Fund In 2002, the Estate of George T. Dorsch established an endowment to enhance the History of Art and Civilization Department.

Dr. Leonard Florence and Sy Steward Global Scholars Endowment in Home Products In 2005, this endowment was created to honor the contributions of two leaders in the field of home products. This endowment enables Home Products Development students to participate in international trade shows and study abroad programs.

Alfred Z. Solomon-Janet A. Sloane Endowment Fund In 2005, this endowment was created to support the accessories collection at The Museum at FIT. It will help fulfill the museum's mission to educate students and the general public about the artistic, historical, and social significance of fashion.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship gifts help further FIT's mission. Full and partial scholarships are available to full-time students offering evidence of financial need and academic merit. A limited number of partial scholarships have been established for matriculated evening and weekend students who demonstrate financial need. A number of scholarships provided by the friends and families of FIT are awarded—based on aptitude, need, and/or scholastic achievement—to students who have completed a year of study at FIT. Some of these are limited to specific criteria established by the donor.

Financial Aid Scholarships

NAMSB Scholarship Fund (1998) (Menswear majors)

Abe Schrader Corporation Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Abraham L. Blumenfeld Endowed Scholarship (Menswear majors)

Adele and Wesley Simpson Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

Adele C. Elgart Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Adolph, Lily and Peter Vogel Scholarship

Alberto Lattuda Travel Scholarship

Allan R. Johnson Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Allan R. Johnson Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Alumni Association Scholarship

Andrew Rosen Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Anglo Fabrics Endowed Scholarships (Textile Development and Marketing majors)

Anita James Rosen Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Ann Kissel Grun Endowed Alumni Scholarship (Jewelry Design and Fashion Design majors)

Annette Green Honor Scholarship (Cosmetics and Fragrance Marketing majors)

Antonio Lopez Alumni Scholarship (Fashion Illustration majors)

Apparel Guild Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Arthur Englander Memorial Scholarship (marketing majors)

Arthur R. Rolofo Scholarship

Bergdorf Goodman Scholarship Fund (Fashion Business Management majors)

Bernard G. Cohn Memorial Honor Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Bernice and Milton Stern Scholarship

Bessie and Barnet Ginsburg Family Memorial Scholarship

Bill Carone Memorial Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Bloomingdale's Annual Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Bonnie Cashin Memorial Fund

Borg Fabrics Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

Brunschwig & Fils Endowed Honor Scholarship (Interior Design majors)

Buick Design Endowed Scholarship

C. Rosen Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Carl Rosen Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Carleton Woolen Mills, Inc. Endowed Scholarship (Textile/Surface Design majors)

Carole Gottlieb Lang Memorial Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Carolee Scholarship

Catherine Kelly Memorial Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Cato-Howard Davidowitz Scholarship Fund (Fashion Business Management majors)

Cato-Murray Turkel Scholarship Fund (Fashion Business Management majors)

Charles Nolan Scholarship Fund (Fashion Design majors)

Colbert Foundation Endowed Scholarship

David B. Weiss Memorial

David Dubinsky Foundation Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

David Mercer Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

David Schwartz Foundation Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

David Zelinka Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

Davidow Suits, Inc. Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

Delores Zuckerman Gewirtz Scholarship (Fashion Design or Textile/Surface Design majors)

Dianne Rubinfeld Scholarship Fund (Fashion Business Management majors)

Dorothy Ross Memorial Scholarship (Advertising and Marketing Communications majors)

E. Susan Johnson Scholarship (Advertising and Marketing Communications majors)

Echo Design Group

Ed Kavanaugh and Stanley Kohlenberg Scholarship (Cosmetics and Fragrance Marketing majors)

Edward Weissman Endowed Scholarship (Production Management majors)

Edwin A. Goodman Endowed Scholarship

Eli Elias Endowed Scholarship (Production Management majors)

Ellen Alpert Scholarship Fund

Elliot Lippin Scholarship Fund

Elsa Peretti Endowed Scholarship (Jewelry Design majors)

Elsa Peretti/Tiffany & Co. Scholarship (Jewelry Design majors)

Emanuel and Mabel Weintraub Scholarship (Production Management majors)

Endowing Excellence Scholarship Fund

Etienne Aigner Endowed Scholarship (Accessories Design majors)

Fabergé Design Endowed Scholarship

Faie J. Jovce Endowed Scholarship (Graduate Studies)

Fairchild Publications Endowed Scholarship (Advertising and Marketing Communications majors)

Fashion Group Foundation Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

Fashion Group/Isabel and Ruben Toledo Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

Fashion Services Network Scholarship

Fifth & Pacific Foundation Scholarship

Fifth & Pacific Foundation Scholarships I and II

Fifth & Pacific Foundation/Harold Brawer Memorial Scholarship

Fifth & Pacific Scholarship (Direct and Interactive Marketing majors)

Fifth & Pacific Scholarship in Honor of Annette Green (Cosmetics and Fragrance Marketing majors)

Fifth & Pacific Scholarship in Honor of Dillard's (Fashion Design majors)

Fifth & Pacific Scholarship in Honor of Shirley Goodman (marketing majors)

Filene's Charitable Foundation Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Financo, Inc. Scholarship

FIT Alumni Association Scholarship

FIT General Scholarship Fund

Francesca S. Joelson Scholarship Fund (Fashion Design majors)

Frank Olive Memorial Fund (Accessories Design majors)

Fred Pomerantz Honor Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

Frederick Atkins, Inc. Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

General Mills/David Crystal, Inc. Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

George J. Greenberg Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

George S. Kaufman Endowed Scholarship

George S. Kaufman Scholarship

Gerald & May Ellen Ritter Memorial Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

Gershon & Judith Lieber

Gerson & Judith Leiber Endowed Scholarship (Accessories Design majors)

Gerta Pomerantz Fund (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

Gianni Versace Memorial Fund (Fashion Design majors)

Gimbel Brothers-Saks Fifth Avenue Endowed Fund (Fashion Business Management majors)

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Giorgio Armani Fashion Corp. Endowed Scholarship (Menswear majors)

Giorgio Di Sant'Angelo Memorial Endowed Fund (Fashion Design majors)

Harve Benard Endowed Scholarship

Hazel Bishop Endowed Scholarship (Cosmetics and Fragrance Marketing majors)

Headwear Association Scholarship (Accessories Design majors)

Helen Galland/Baker Scholarship

Henry R. Kravis Scholarship (textiles majors)

Hoechst Celanese Endowed Scholarship (Textile/Surface Design majors)

Hoechst Fibers, Inc. Endowed Scholarship (Textile/Surface Design majors)

I. Kleinfeld and Sons Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Ira Guilden Memorial Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Ira Hechler Scholarship

Jacalyn E.S. Bennett Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Jack Fenstermacher Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Illustration majors)

Jackwyn L. Nemrov Scholarship

Jaclyn, Inc. Scholarship (Accessories Design majors)

Jan Law Scholarship Fund (Fashion Design-Intimate Apparel majors)

J.C. Penney Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Jean Claude Mastroianni (Fashion Design majors)

Jean Wallrapp Memorial Scholarship

Jerome and Simona Chazen Scholarship

Jerry Silverman, Inc. Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

Joel B. Wigler Memorial Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

John E. Reeves Scholarship (Textile Development and Marketing majors)

John Fabian Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design–Knitwear majors)

John G. Ledes Endowed Honor Scholarship (Cosmetics and Fragrance Marketing majors)

John J. Pomerantz (I) Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

John J. Pomerantz (II) Scholarship Fund (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

Joseph A. Coleman, MD-Maidenform Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

Joseph Calio Memorial Scholarship (Technical Design majors)

JP Stevens & Co., Inc. Scholarship (textiles majors)

JPMorgan Chase Scholarship (formerly Chemical Bank)

Judith & Burton Resnick Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Judith Ripka Scholarship (Jewelry Design majors)

Jules Yuckman Memorial Endowed Scholarship (Textile/Surface Design majors)

Julian R. Geiger Scholarship (Business and Technology majors)

Kaufhof Scholarship (Business and Technology majors)

Kate Spade and Company Scholarship

Kayser-Roth Foundation Endowed Scholarship

Kimora Lee Simmons Scholarship

Laurence C. Leeds Endowed Scholarship

Laverne Neil Memorial Scholarship

Lee and Marvin Traub Scholarship Fund (marketing majors)

Leo and Elly Honig-Anglo Fabrics Scholarship

Leonard W. Pollatschek Memorial Scholarship (Menswear majors)

Leslie Blodgett Endowed Scholarship (Business and Technology majors)

Leslie Fay, Inc. Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

Lion Brand Yarn Co. Endowed Scholarship (Textile Development and Marketing majors)

Lord & Taylor Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Louise Dahl-Wolfe Endowed Scholarship Fund (Photography majors)

Lynn and Carl Goldstein Endowed Scholarship (Home Products Development majors)

Macv's New York Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Maidenform, Inc. Scholarship (Fashion Design–Apparel majors)

Marco Wachter Memorial-Mondo Inc. Scholarship

Margo Scavarda and Lawrence Aiken Scholarship (Cosmetics and Fragrance Marketing majors)

Maria Spagnola Alava Scholarship Fund

Marie Auyang Scholarship Fund (Technical Design majors)

Marie B. Simms Endowed Scholarship

Marion and Myron Alexander Endowed Scholarship (Textile Development and Marketing and/or

Textile/Surface Design majors)

Marvin Feldman Endowed Scholarship

Marvin Feldman Memorial Scholarship Fund

Maurice Bidermann Endowed Scholarship (Menswear major)

May and Samuel Rudin Foundation Scholarship

May Department Stores Scholarship

Melanie Amariglio Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Melvin E. Dawley Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Melvin E. Kleeblatt Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

Michael Kors Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Michele Marzigliano Memorial Scholarship (arts majors)

Milliken & Company Scholarship

Milton J. Cassell Memorial Scholarship (Menswear majors)

Monique Recant Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Morris Camhe Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Mortimor H. April Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Myron H. Blumenfeld Endowed Honor Scholarship (Cosmetics and Fragrance Marketing majors)

NAMSB Scholarship Fund (Menswear or Fashion Design majors)

Nancy Greer, Inc. Endowed Scholarship

Nancy Yedlin Alumni Scholarship

National Board of Coat and Suit Industry Scholarship

National Millinery Planning Board Scholarship

Neiman Marcus Endowed Scholarship (Accessories Design majors)

New York Times Honor Scholarship (Advertising and Marketing Communications majors)

Norman V. Wechsler Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Ok Cha Lee Mason Endowed Scholarship

Pantone, Inc. Scholarship

Pat Sandler Memorial Alumni Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Patty and Jay Baker Scholarship Fund (Business and Technology majors)

Paul Hellman Foundation Scholarship

Paul Honig Endowed Scholarship

Peggy Ward/Macy's Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Petrie Stores Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Pierre Cardin Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Raincheetahs by Naman Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

Reeves Brothers Foundation Scholarship (Textile Development and Marketing majors)

Regines Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Reliance Group Holdings, Inc. Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Retail Brand Alliance Endowed Scholarship

Revion Foundation Scholarship (Cosmetics and Fragrance Marketing majors)

Revlon Linda Harris Endowed Scholarship (Cosmetics and Fragrance Marketing majors)

Richman Family Foundation Scholarship (Home Products Development majors)

Robert Chavez and Annette Green Endowed Honor Scholarship (Cosmetics and Fragrance Marketing majors)

Robert J. Suslow Endowed Scholarship Fund (Fashion Business Management majors)

Robert Lagary Memorial Scholarship

Robert Rose Scholarship (Jewelry Design majors)

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Robert Stock Endowed Scholarship Fund (Menswear majors)

Roger Caracappa Scholarship (Cosmetics and Fragrance Marketing and Management or Packaging Design majors)

Rose Wells Bing Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Ruben Cruz Scholarship Fund

Russ Togs, Inc. Scholarship (textiles majors)

Rwitobrato Datta Scholarship

Samuel and Sara Golub Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Samuel L. Deitsch Scholarship

Sandra and Arthur Tauber Endowed Scholarship (Home Products Development majors)

Sidney Bernstein Scholarship

Splash Swimwear Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design majors)

Spring Mills, Inc. Scholarship (Textile/Surface Design majors)

Stan Filonovich Scholarship

Sterling National Bank Student Success Scholarship

Student-Faculty Corporation Scholarship

Suzy Perette, Inc. Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

TDA/Bruce Roberts Scholarship (Textile Development and Marketing majors)

The Liz Claiborne/Arthur Ortenberg Scholarship Given by Fifth & Pacific (Advertising and Marketing Communications majors)

The Liz Claiborne/Arthur Ortenberg Scholarship Given by Fifth & Pacific (Fashion Design majors)

The Liz Claiborne/Arthur Ortenberg Scholarship Given by Fifth & Pacific (Illustration majors)

The Liz Claiborne/Arthur Ortenberg Scholarship Given by Fifth & Pacific (Production Management majors)

Tiedemann Trust Endowed Scholarship

TJX/Jack Lindner Scholarship (Fashion Design and Fashion Business Management majors)

Tokai Womens Jr. College Scholarship

Valerie N. Steele Memorial Scholarship Fund

Vidal Sassoon Scholarship

Vittorina Rolofo Scholarship

Walter Richardson Memorial Scholarship (Fashion Business Management majors)

Walter Riedler Scholarship Fund

Warnaco Scholarship Fund

Werner Klaas Scholarship Fund (Textile Development and Marketing majors)

Westpoint Stevens Endowed Scholarship (textile majors)

William Lauder Scholarship Fund (Cosmetics and Fragrance Marketing majors)

William Randolph Hearst Foundation

Wool Bureau Endowed Scholarship (Textile/Surface Design majors)

YMA Endowed Scholarship (textile/apparel majors)

Zelinka-Matlick, Inc. Endowed Scholarship (Fashion Design-Apparel majors)

Zina Sisman Levy Memorial Endowed Scholarship (Textile/Surface Design majors)

Departmental Scholarships

Arthur Price Memorial Scholarship, Textile Development and Marketing

Breakfast 2003 Endowed Scholarship, Home Products Development

Breakfast 2004 Endowed Scholarship, Home Products Development

Breakfast 2005 Endowed Scholarship, Home Products Development

Christine Pratt Home Products Alumni Scholarship, Home Products Development

David, Ruth & Howard Israel Scholarship, Fashion Design-Children's Wear

Felice and Al Lippert Endowed Scholarship Fund, Fashion Business Management

George T. Dorsch Scholarship Fund. Art History

Har-Even Memorial Fund

Henry Doneger Scholarship Fund, Fashion Business Management

Henry Wolf Presidential Scholars Study Abroad Scholarship, Presidential Scholars

ITM Departmental Scholarship Fund, International Trade and Marketing

Jerry & Saskia McDaniel Scholarship Fund, Communication Design

Joe Powers Memorial Scholarship Fund, Visual Presentation and Exhibition Design

Lawrence J. Israel Interior Design Scholarship, Interior Design

Martin Paul Kahn Endowed Scholarship, Fashion Design-Children's Wear

Michael and Susanna Steinberg Endowed Scholarship, Home Products Development

Michael Fux Endowed Scholarship, Home Products Development

New Times Group ITM Scholarship, International Trade and Marketing

Patricia Zipprodt Endowed Scholarship, Fashion Design-Costume Design

Saturday Live/Nancy Yedlin, Precollege

The Ann and Harvey Zlesnick Endowed Scholarship, Home Products Development

The Barbara & Arnold Cohen Endowed Scholarship

The Carole Sloan Scholarship, Home Products Development

The Dr. Leonard Florence and Sy Stewart Global Scholarship Fund, Home Products Development

The Ellis Family Endowed Scholarship, Toy Design

The Gokhan-Kucuk Endowed Scholarship, Liberal Arts

The Harriet and Charles Stern Sustainable Interior Environments Research and Design Scholarship Award, Interior Design

The Interior Design Alumni Scholarship Award, Interior Design

The Jane Scott Memorial Endowed Scholarship, Cosmetics and Fragrance Marketing

The Jasha Ghitis Endowed Scholarship, Fashion Design

The Jean LaBue Endowed Scholarship in Memory of Sophie LaBue, Fashion Design-Intimate Apparel

The Jenny Brill Scholarship Fund, Accessories Design

The John Szarkowski Scholarship Award in Photography

The Julius H. Gewirtz Endowed Scholarship, Fashion Business Management

The Lester Gribetz Endowed Scholarship, Home Products Development

Warnaco/Gromek, International Trade and Marketing