The late Charles and Cecil Clipper ensured they were able to realize their dream of establishing a sizeable scholarship endowment to benefit generations of Nevada students by naming the University in their estate plans. Recent distributions from the Clipper Family Trust established the Charles H. and Cecil J. Clipper Scholarship Endowment, which will be first awarded in the 2018-2019 academic year. Additional distributions from the Clipper Family Trust are designated for a naming gift to the new engineering building, a proposed 87,000-square-foot facility designed to complement the existing College of Engineering complex.

The Clippers were University supporters during their lifetimes and were inducted into the University’s Honor Court in 2015 as Silver Benefactors. They enjoyed traveling, and Cecil was active in volunteer organizations, including the National Assistance League, the Nevada State Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and the Renown Hospital Health Auxiliary Board of Directors. A veteran of WWII and Korea, Charles retired from military service in 1965 and became manager of the Sacramento Better Business Bureau and director of United Way of Northern Nevada. He later served in the Reno Rotary Club.

“Endowed scholarships not only provide students with important financial support to pursue their education, they also impress upon students that we believe in them and in their potential,” Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers said. “The Clippers’ choice to establish the Charles H. and Cecil J. Clipper Scholarship Endowment will make a tremendous impact on its recipients and, through their careers, will pave the way for a brighter future for us all. Endowed scholarships like this one allow the University to bring to campus exceptional students who otherwise might not be able to attend, changing their lives and creating opportunities for success.”

Through the generosity of donors like Charles and Cecil Clipper the University is able to meet the needs of its students who, in turn, strengthen our economy and community. By offering Nevada residents tuition rates that are 72 percent lower than at other Tier 1 universities and providing nearly $8 million in donor-funded scholarships annually, the University helps more students reach their potential and achieve their goals.