



## About the Parents and Family Fund

The CWRU Parents and Family Fund supports the Vice President for Student Affairs by providing support to numerous student organizations and leadership programs on campus to enhance the student experience. This fund is a line item in the Student Affairs budget and directly supports services and programs. For instance, it provides support for Student Activities and Leadership's Emerging Leaders Program and StrengthsQuest.

The Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) is a one-semester program specifically designed to provide first-year students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, build relationships across campus, and become engaged in the campus community. ELP develops leaders with the confidence, ability, and passion to be active and engaged leaders in their communities, as well as the foundation of leadership skills essential for lifelong leadership engagement. Participants learn about leadership and student organizations and graduate empowered to make a positive impact on our campus community.

The StrengthsQuest experience starts with the CliftonStrengths Assessment, a web-based assessment that provides you with your Top 5 Signature Themes of Talent. This is a starting point for self-discovery, helping to identify the individual's strengths and a strategy for success in multiple areas.

The Parents and Family fund also provides financial support to student organizations to foster diversity, equity and Inclusion; encourage civic engagement and learning; and encourage wellness through physical education and participation in intramural activities:

- Provide flights and/or hotel rooms to attend annual conferences
- Support programs such as Night Market, Fall Feast, Farm Harvest Festival
- Bring speakers to campus (ex: TedX Talks)
- Provide equipment or travel for start-up student organizations (ex: climbing club, ultimate frisbee)
- Assist competitive performance groups to continue into the final rounds
- Support cultural events sponsored by student organizations or departments for students