



The Good Measure Fund Ballot 2025

"Give, and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over..." Luke 6:38

Project 1: Ice Machine for Central Campus

Description: Replace ice machine located in the kitchen of Vail Residence Hall for use by residents in Smith & Vail.

Amount: \$5,000

Project 2: Soccer Net Backstop

Description: Our intramural soccer fields need to replace the backstop netting so that students don't have to chase balls over the fence! The fields are open to all students during the school year, and they are frequently used by our clubs, open recreation, and intramural sports.

Amount: Field 1 - \$10,000; Field 2- \$5,000 – Total for both fields: \$15,000

Project 3: Samford SKILLS

Description: Samford SKILLS is a curriculum-based program model within the Residential Life Department. It aims to teach life skills to all on-campus residents, preparing them for life after college. Students would receive resources relating to academic success, career readiness, communication skills, financial preparedness, and all other types of wellness.

Amount: \$5,000

Project 4: Video Messaging Board

Description: The corner of Westmoreland Hall is now a major intersection on campus connecting the Quad with Buck Plaza. It's the perfect place for an outdoor video message board sharing campus updates, event reminders, weather updates, and encouraging scripture verses.

Amount: \$4,000 (includes installation)

Project 5: Golf Cart for Parent & Family Engagement

Description: Parent & Family Engagement often needs to transport larger, bulky items located in our storage unit behind Beeson Woods to main campus. This golf cart would also be used to provide tours for grandparents and other family guests who are visiting campus.

Amount: \$10,000

Project 6: *Make the Most of It: A Guide to Loving Your College Years*

Description: Samford CARES would like to purchase copies of this book to use in small groups with first year students. Copies would also be distributed as a resource for students who interact with CARE and Counseling staff that are struggling to adjust and thrive at Samford.

Amount: \$1,800 – 100 books at \$18.

Project 7: Christian Conference/Speaker on Campus

Description: The Office of Spiritual life would like to partner with the Parents Association to host Christian conference(s) focused on faith, apologetics, and family life. The goal is to encourage and equip the Samford family at large with resources, powerful worship, biblical teaching and inspiring testimonies of faith-filled living. These events would also be in partnership with local college ministry leaders and church partners to impact as many Samford students and families as possible.

Amount: \$25,000

Project 8: Freshman Retreat Leader Cost

Description: Each year over 125 upperclassmen leaders are needed for the freshman retreat hosting over 900 freshmen. Currently these student leaders are asked to pay ½ of the registration due to exponential costs for travel and lodging. This funding would allow us to completely cover their costs as they serve and minister to our newest students.

Amount: \$129 per leader for full sponsorship. Total cost for 125 leaders: \$16,125

Project 9: Bibles for Students

Description: The Office of Spiritual Life provides free Bibles to any student who doesn't have a Bible or for those who desire an updated version of scripture for personal study. This sponsorship gift in 2025 would allow us to continue keeping God's Word in the hands of Samford students.

Amount: \$3,500

Project 10: Worship Concert for Students

Description: Contract a well-known worship leader or band to host a campus-wide worship night to encourage, challenge, and unify our student body.

Amount: \$15,000

Project 11: Care for Transfers and Commuters

Description: These students often need extra connection and guidance to feel part of the campus community. This initiative aims to provide valuable resources and opportunities that help these students build a supportive community as they navigate their unique college journey. This project would fund the following programs during the first 6 weeks of each semester: Welcome event, swag bags, survival kits, Transfer/Commuter Dinner that would provide an opportunity to network with campus leaders and peers.

Amount: \$5,000

Project 12: Swipe Out Hunger

Description: We are seeking funding to establish a meal swipe bank for students experiencing food insecurity. Access to consistent nutritious meals is a critical component of student success, directly impacting physical health, mental well-being, academic performance, and retention. This funding would allow students in need to discreetly receive hot meals alongside their peers.

Amount: \$55 individual gifts for a card with 5 swipes; \$5,500 would provide 100 cards.

Project 13: Tables and Benches for Beard Health and Wellness Plaza

Description: A sitting area with umbrellas for students to enjoy across from the new Seibert Hall Rec Facility would be a welcomed addition to a high traffic and shaded space!

Amount: \$5,000

Project 14: Ecuador Mission Trip Scholarships

Description: For the third consecutive year, Samford students, parents, and staff will travel to Ecuador to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus through meaningful ministry and outreach. This year's trip will include soccer ministry, Vacation Bible School, and a new health ministry initiative to further impact the local community.

Amount: \$2,915 is the cost per person; \$14,575 would provide 10 half scholarships

Project 15: Ecuador Worship Exchange

Description: As part of our upcoming Samford Mission trip to Ecuador, we are planning a worship exchange where Samford students and local believers come together to glorify God through music – gathering in the very church our team helped build last year! We are requesting gently used instruments or a donation of \$1,800 to purchase guitars and percussion that would be used to lead worship on our mission trip and then gifted to our ministry partners in Ecuador.

Amount: \$1,800 or the following in-kind gifts:

acoustic guitars with hard cases & pics

Tambourines

Bongos

Small Shakers

Project 16: Fall Break Give-Back Service Retreat

Description: Samford Office of Community Engagement will host a fall break retreat October 11-14 in Chelsea, Alabama, in partnership with local nonprofit, Grace Klein Ministries. Students will explore servant leadership and serve across the greater Birmingham area addressing food insecurity.

Amount: \$25 per student for 1/2 scholarship or \$1,500 for 30 students to attend at no cost.

Project 17: Samford Gives Back Bed-building Project

Description: Samford Gives Back is the largest program in Samford's Office of Community Engagement, serving as our campus-wide day of service. This year, we are partnering with the local chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace to teach students how to build twin beds for children in our community. We are requesting \$2,500 from the Good Measure Fund to cover all supplies needed for this meaningful bed-building project. Your support will help ensure this valued tradition continues and grows at Samford Gives Back.

Amount: \$2,500

Project 18: National Student Leadership Conference

Description: EXCEL Leadership is a new leadership certificate program for undergrad students. Student Affairs requests funding to send 4 members of the 2025 cohort to a national student leadership development conference to enhance their leadership skills, network among other student leaders, and learn best practices in leadership for college students.

Amount: \$5,000