Since 1988, the Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation has donated $451,000 to Kean University for the Charlotte W. Newcombe Scholarships for Mature Women. These scholarships are awarded to female students age 25 and older. Recipients of the scholarship must have obtained at least 60 credits, demonstrate financial need and have a minimum 2.5 grade point average.

The University awards scholarships to approximately 15 Newcombe Scholars each year. Kean's Charlotte W. Newcombe Scholars are prime examples of successful non-traditional students. One recent Newcombe Scholar reflected on the significance of returning to school as a mature woman and receiving this recognition. She writes, "I always wanted to go to college, but after high school a few decades ago, it was out the question. Seven years ago, I chanced going back and I loved it and did very well academically. Receiving this scholarship not only helped finance my education, but most importantly validated my ambitions to pursue a writing career. After graduation, I will complete for publication the two books I have been writing."

A 2010 Newcombe Scholar added "The Newcombe Scholarship will be of great assistance financially, but even more important, through this process I was able to teach my young daughter an important lesson. She has watched me studying and working hard for the past few years and more recently even inquired about why I was applying for this scholarship. It brings me great pleasure to be able to say to her that getting this scholarship is the proof that each of us can really reach our goals and be acknowledged for our hard work."