

Historical Highlights

Past & Present	2013	1995
Program Results		
Number of participating schools	18	9
Number of applicants	224	56
Percent of applicants interviewed	29%	25%
Scholarships awarded to date	\$620,000	\$3,000
Number of volunteers	73	11

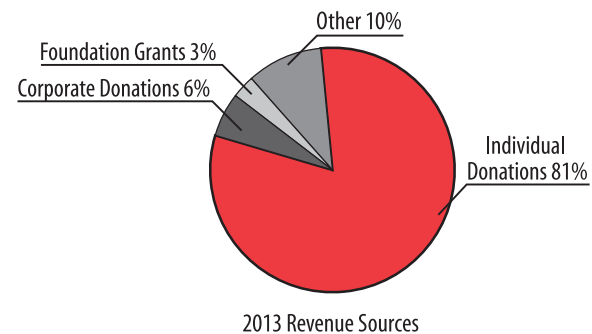
Financial Information

Statement of Financial Position	12/30/13	12/30/12
Assets		
Cash, savings and investments	\$128,803	\$122,351
Pledges Receivable	\$8,109	\$13,074
Total Assets	\$136,912	\$135,424

Liabilities		
Scholarships Payable	\$90,524	\$62,380
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$46,388	\$73,044
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$136,912	\$135,424

Statement of Activities	2013	2012
Support & Revenue		
Contributions and Grants	\$56,606	\$65,012
Other	6,574	0
Total Support and Revenue	\$63,180	\$65,012

Expenses		
Program	\$44,880	\$44,642
Fundraising	12,804	4,644
Administrative	3,814	3,620
Total Expenses	\$61,498	\$52,907
Surplus (deficit)	\$1,682	\$12,105



Organizational Profile

Founded in 1995 by a group of recent college graduates, Education First is a nonprofit organization that provides college scholarships to low income youth. The founders of Education First believe that higher education can assist in breaking generational poverty. To promote our mission, we provide both financial and mentoring support to students. Education First targets students who have overcome significant life challenges and are seldom recognized for their achievements.

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Education First is dedicated to providing need-based college scholarships to exceptional seniors attending high schools with historically low percentages of college applicants.

By rewarding students with strength of character, a commitment to learning, and a vision for their future, our aim is to invest in individuals who will positively affect their communities.



Letter from the Executive Officer

This year Education First continued to deliver on its mission. Thanks to a series of regional fundraising events and our annual letter campaign, we had one of our most successful years in individual fundraising. Unfortunately, our corporate and foundation fundraising did not fare well, which made it our lowest overall fundraising year since 2004. Knowing this, we welcome your support in connecting us with giving organizations.

Despite the fundraising challenges at the corporate and foundation level, 2013 was filled with rewarding moments. Seattle celebrated its 10th Annual Wine Tasting and Auction event, raising over \$17,000, and we had the opportunity to interview 65 eligible students for our 12 annual scholarships.

In addition to focusing on our individual, corporate and foundation giving, each region will continue maintaining optimum volunteer levels. This will be achieved through year-round volunteer recruitment and targeted marketing efforts.

As we continue working towards our fundraising goals, I'd like to stress how appreciative we are for your continued support. With your contributions we are able to create real opportunities for students pursuing their dreams of a college education.

Sincerely,

Cayla A. Lopez, Executive Officer

2014–2015 Participating High Schools



Our 2013 Scholarship Recipients (\$5,000)



Seattle

Andry Xevandry

Chief Sealth International High School
University of Washington

Andry moved to the US from Indonesia with his mother when he was young. Tragically, his stepfather passed away his sophomore year and his mother has been tirelessly working several jobs to earn an income. Seeing her hard work, Andry has learned the importance of diligence and applies it every day. He wants to work closely with the Indonesian communities in the US to help assimilate them to American society.



Portland

Brendan Nikola

David Douglas High School
Oregon Institute of Technology

Brendan struggled with domestic conflict through many of his childhood years. Using his struggles as fuel, he started a journey through education to strengthen himself and gain independence. He turned that anger into a passion for Chemistry, wanting to create products and materials to help others make a better world. Brendan graduated as the valedictorian for his class.



San Francisco

Demondre Harrison

Balboa High School
Clark Atlanta University

Demondre had a troubled childhood and sought release through school activities and sports. He lost his mother at an early age and only saw his father sporadically. Despite growing up in an unsafe neighborhood, Demondre devoted his time to tutoring local students through the Mayor's Youth Employment Program. He has a bright future and will set a great example as the first person in his family to attend college.

Los Angeles

Higinio Gonzalez

Garfield High School
University of California, Santa Barbara

Upon moving to the US from Mexico, Higinio felt isolated and lonely because he could not speak English. With support from teachers, his parents and long hours of work, he persevered and was soon able to speak English, helping him to assimilate into American culture. Through this, Higinio has become a strong, independent, and determined young man. He follows his parents' work ethic to meet his challenges head-on.



Denver

Maria Martinez

West High School
University of Colorado, Denver

Struggling through several moves during her childhood years, Maria found it difficult to focus on school. She took the responsibility of caring for her siblings and father while her mother worked. Maria has always had a desire to pursue nursing to help her family and those in her community. Her responsible nature and diligent attitude has allowed her to excel and will help her to pursue her degree in nursing.



Austin

Fidel Campuzano

Reagan High School
University of Texas, Austin

Fidel is a young man who came to the US when he was nine years old with no knowledge of the English language. After learning English, he developed a strong acumen for finance. After a summer at an accounting camp at UT Austin, he decided to become a Certified Public Accountant. He has an incredible drive, an appreciation of hard work and will be a very successful young man.

Honorable Mention Award Scholarships (\$3,000)

Seattle

Katie Bui

Cleveland High School

Portland

Rachel Nance

David Douglas High School

San Francisco

William Liem

Balboa High School

Los Angeles

Ruta Gebreyesus

Manual Arts High School

Denver

Edite Maloku

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Austin

Ivy Markwell

Travis High School

Past Scholars — Where are they now?

"I started off at a Junior College, but I am happy to report that I will be beginning my junior year at the University of California, Davis this fall. I will be majoring in Managerial Economics and hope to minor in Computer Science. At school I have been busy volunteering with School-to-college, where I helped raise money for people who are first generation college students, like myself. I have also been working part-time since graduation. My favorite part of college is the knowledge! Taking college classes is not only changing my life, but also changing my family's in the process. I have taken a wide range of courses, and the more I explore the more I love it." — **Allan Gomez**, 2011 Scholarship Recipient, San Francisco

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