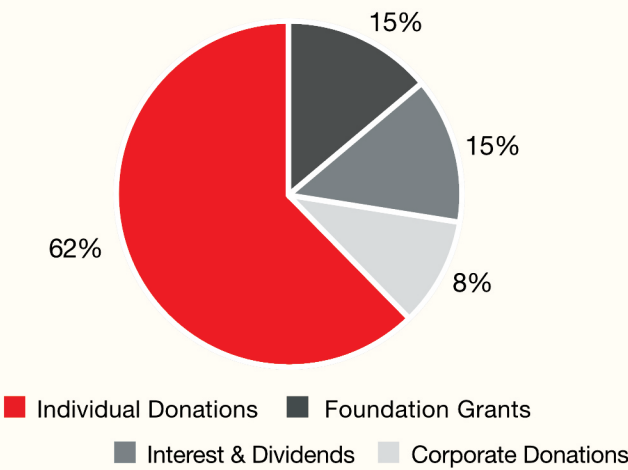


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389

NUMBER OF APPLICANTS

152

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17

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\$1.537M

SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTED TO DATE

OUR 2025 SCHOLARS

- Luis Amaya, Austin
- Sarai Ramos, Austin
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- Ericka Vicente, Boston
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- Xavier Rushing, Seattle

SELECT SCHOLAR NOTES

Vanessa Ma, San Francisco
University of San Francisco

Your generosity brings me one step closer to achieving my college goals, and I am truly thankful for your belief in students like me. Knowing this scholarship was made possible by donors who care deeply about education and opportunity inspires me even more to work hard, stay focused, and make the most of this chance. I am excited to start this new chapter and pursue a degree that will allow me to give back to my community in the future. Thank you again for your kindness and for making a difference in my life.

Priscilla Renteria, Los Angeles
University of California, Los Angeles

I want to sincerely thank you for making this opportunity possible. Because of your support, I am able to focus on my studies and take full advantage of the opportunities available to me. As the first in my family to attend college, my family is extremely thankful and excited. Please know that your contribution is making a meaningful difference in my life, and I am committed to making the most of this opportunity.

Miriam Esquivel, Denver
Metropolitan State University of Denver

Dear donors, thank you so much for the life changing opportunity. I'm so thankful that you chose me to receive this scholarship. Without your help, I wouldn't have been able to pursue my education. So again, thank you so much.

Malik Nelson, Boston
Roxbury Community College

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for this donation. It will help me and my family tremendously in this process. Hopefully in the future I'll be fortunate enough to also be a donor.

SELECT SCHOLAR PROFILES

Moein Taheri Afarani, San Diego
San Diego City College

After immigrating from Iran and facing challenges with housing and family support, he has shown determination and independence in staying focused on school. Despite obstacles, he remains dedicated to his goals and plans to continue his studies in college. He looks forward to creating new opportunities for himself and building a strong future.

Xavier Rushing, Seattle
San Diego Mesa Community College

Through learning disabilities, family responsibilities, and personal loss, he has developed maturity, discipline, and determination. As the oldest sibling, he strives to be a role model while excelling academically in the IB Diploma Program. He plans to pursue his dream of attending the Air Force Academy and serving his country with dedication and perseverance.

Foiat Feleke, Portland
Arizona State University - Tempe

Balancing independence from a young age, she found strength in caring for her cousin and discovering the power of affirmations. Her experiences inspired an interest in psychology and working with children, motivating her to pursue studies that support healthy development. She looks forward to building a future where she can guide and nurture the next generation.

Luis Amaya, Austin
Texas State University

After immigrating from Venezuela three years ago, he overcame language barriers, cultural differences, and part-time work while excelling as a student-athlete. He now aspires to a career in medicine, driven by resilience and a passion for helping others.

UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED

- Arizona State University - Tempe
- Colorado State University
- Massachusetts College College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Metropolitan State University of Denver
- Middlebury College
- Roxbury Community College
- San Diego City College
- San Diego Mesa Community College
- San Diego State University
- Texas A&M College Station
- Texas State University
- University of California - Berkeley
- University of California - Los Angeles
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