Stars Scholarship Fund

Donor Information

2022



Mission

Stars Scholarship Fund is dedicated to providing successful futures for local students. Stars Scholarship Fund was established to offer students an opportunity for advancement in higher education. Scholarships provide deserving students the ability to achieve success at the college or university of their choice.



Vision

Stars Scholarship Fund is a non-profit organization committed to promoting access to and success in higher education for all students in our community.
Based in McAllen, Texas, Stars offers scholarships to students from south and west Texas who are dedicated to completing a degree at an accredited college or university.

Stars Scholarship Fund envisions a community where all people have the opportunity to reach their full potential by participating and succeeding in higher education.
The Stars Scholarship Fund sees higher education as a catalyst for positive change, a force that can transform the lives of individuals and families and advance the economic and civic health of societies.

A community that truly recognizes the importance of higher education is one that ensures the doors to post-secondary opportunity are open to all who have the potential to succeed, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, background or lack of resources.

2022-2023 Application Cycle

The 2022-2023 Stars Scholarship application cycle opened on January 1, 2022 and closed on March 31, 2022. Stars Scholarship Fund is currently reviewing applicants for eligibility. Below represents information on our applicants seeking scholarship funding for the coming academic year.

4418	submitted applications
4089	applicants attending a matching partner institution
329	applicants attending schools in general program



Top 25 Majors

LVN/RN/BSN	423
Biological Sciences	345
Business Administration	222
Psychology	210
Education	208
Health Sciences	171
Computer Science	152
Criminology	152
Mechanical Engineering	108
Kinesiology	99
Accounting	86
Interdisciplinary Studies	70
Civil Engineering	68
Social Work	64
Electrical Engineering	61
Physical Therapy	60
Political Science	59
Finance	55
Marketing	50
English	38
Communication Disorders	37
Management	37
Architecture	36
Doctor of Medicine (MD)	36
Occupational Therapy	36

1296
Community College Applicants

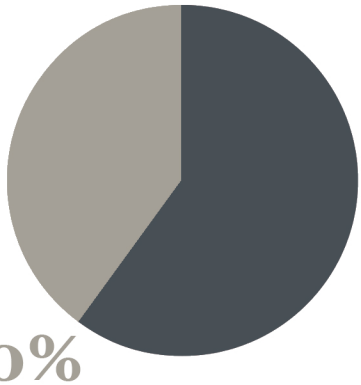
2692
University Undergraduate Applicants

430
University Graduate Applicants

2021-2022 Recipient Demographics

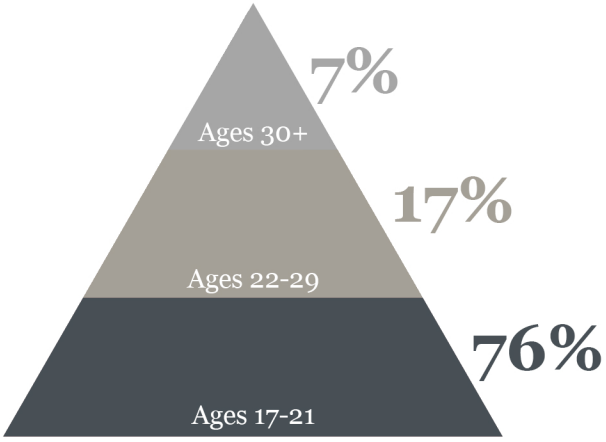
3 out of **10** eligible applicants received a scholarship



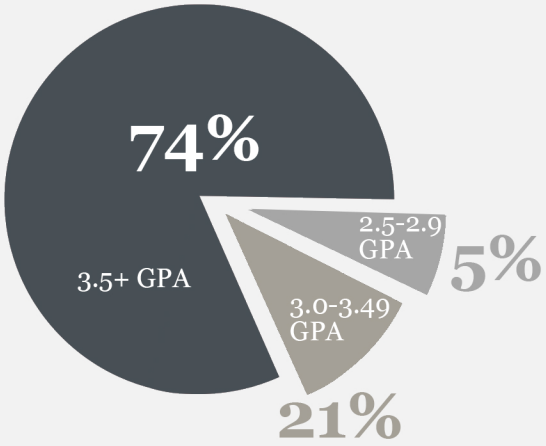


60%
First-Generation Students

40%
NON First-Generation Students

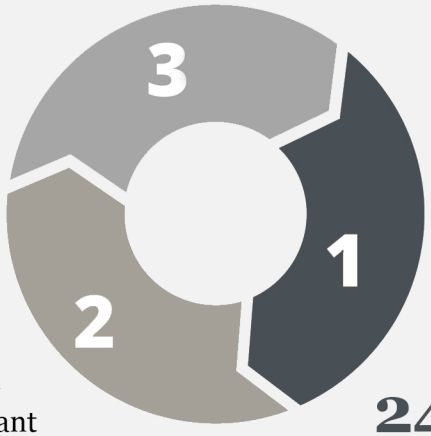


Stars Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to students of every level of higher education and field of study. We award students from our community of any gender, any ethnicity, any age, any religion, and any background.



Stars Scholarship Fund recipients represent academically talented and highly motivated students from the community, with 95% of scholarship recipients maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher.

46%
5712+ EFC: No grant aid provided, must rely on loan or out of pocket funding



30%
1-5711 EFC: Family qualifies for some grant aid and must rely on loan or out of pocket funding

24%
0 EFC: Family has no money to contribute, maximum grant funding.

Of the 702 students receiving a scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year, 54% are Pell Grant Eligible and thus deemed financially in need by the United States Department of Education. These students are offered partial grant funding to pay tuition. 46% of our recipients only qualify for self-help aid and must rely on federal loans to fund their education.



2021-2022 Recipients



Stephanie Salinas
South Texas College

"Receiving this scholarship was complete surprise, as well as a blessing. After being out of school for nearly 5-6 years, I decided to finish what I should've done so long ago. This scholarship has helped me financially and emtionally and mentally."



Cassandra Saenz
St. Mary's University

"The Stars Scholarship has given me the opportunity to be able to attend the university of my dreams without taking on a lot of debt. They have provided me with a chance to continue learning in order to help me set a high standard for my sisters to follow."



Nestor Gonzalez
UT Health San Antonio

"This scholarship has allowed me to decrease the burden of housing while I have completed my clinical rotations. Decreasing the financial burden has blessed me during these stressful times."



Klarissa Cantu
Texas A&M University Kingsville

"Receiving the Stars Scholarship has lifted such a financial burden off of my shoulders. Since I am purusing my master's while working full-time, paying rent and all of my other bills it has been such a relief to have this scholarship to alleviate the strees of it all."



Dalila Rodriguez
Texas A&M International University

"I am honored and thankful for the opportunity you have given me to continue my education. Not only are you helping cover the rest of my tuition but you will be a part of the reason I become a RN. "



Victoria Barrios
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

"With the Stars scholarship, it has reduced the financial struggle and allowed me to experience college through volunteer opportunites and focus more on my education. I am truly grateful for being a Stars recipient."

Application History

Academic Year	Ineligible Applicants	Eligible Applicants *Not Awarded*	Recipients	Total Applicants	% Awarded	Amount Disbursed
2021-2022	2,915	1,719	702	5,336	13.16%	$1,443,183
2020-2021	3,064	1,576	712	5,352	13.30%	$1,487,548
2019-2020	3,092	1,906	938	5,936	15.80%	$1,815,509
2018-2019	3,254	2,054	893	6,201	14.40%	$1,784,375
2017-2018	3,600	2,300	916	6,816	13.44%	$1,810,500
2016-2017	3,854	2,074	1,051	6,979	15.06%	$2,270,448
2015-2016	3,611	2,441	1,148	7,200	15.94%	$2,336,927
2014-2015	3,499	2,123	1,084	6,706	16.16%	$2,167,284
2013-2014	2,036	1,971	1,047	5,054	20.72%	$2,330,341
2012-2013	1,402	798	981	3,181	30.84%	$2,110,876
2011-2012	1,482	1,698	905	4,085	22.15%	$1,784,541
2010-2011	866	1,188	1,012	3,066	33.01%	$2,180,763
2009-2010	1,011	933	1,080	3,024	35.71%	$2,170,450
2008-2009	690	806	1,299	2,795	46.48%	$2,426,433
2007-2008	694	912	987	2,593	38.06%	$1,939,650
2006-2007	462	434	1,003	1,899	52.82%	$2,015,317
2005-2006	144	747	1,006	1,897	53.03%	$2,275,921
2004-2005	321	0	1,012	1,333	75.92%	$2,163,500
		25,680	**17,776**	**79,453**		**$36,513,566**

79,453
Applications submitted since inception

43,456
Total **eligible applicants** since inception

17,776
Total scholarships **awarded** since inception

25,680
Total **students** were left **unfunded** since inception

Matching Partnership History

Institution	Award Amounts	Scholarship Disbursement To Date	Recipient Totals To Date	Partners Since
Del Mar College	$1,400.00	$746,600.00	686	AY 2004-2005
El Paso Community College	$2,000.00	$448,900.00	296	AY 2014-2015
Laredo Community College	$1,400.00	$434,070.40	372	AY 2006-2007
Our Lady of the Lake	$5,000.00	$269,828.00	55	AY 2013-2014
Schreiner University	$3,500.00	$181,000.00	38	AY 2013-2014
South Texas College	$1,000.00	$1,182,601.00	1,201	AY 2004-2005
St. Mary's University	$4,000.00	$575,000.00	140	AY 2013-2014
St. Mary's University School of Law	$10,000.00	$285,000.00	30	AY 2013-2014
Texas A&M International University	$2,000.00	$2,111,500.00	1,087	AY 2004-2005
Texas A&M University	$3,500.00	$4,486,750.46	1,347	AY 2004-2005
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi	$2,000.00	$3,075,000.00	1,606	AY 2004-2005
Texas A&M University Kingsville	$2,000.00	$1,779,000.00	908	AY 2004-2005
Texas State Technical College	$1,400.00	$691,900.00	453	AY 2004-2005
Texas State University	$2,000.00	$1,222,000.00	634	AY 2007-2008
Texas Tech University	$2,000.00	$624,250.00	265	AY 2006-2007
Texas Tech Health Science Center El Paso	$4,000.00	$64,000.00	16	AY 2020-2021
University of Texas - Austin	$3,500.00	$3,025,749.25	886	AY 2010-2011
University of Texas - Pan American		$3,397,877.84	1,659	AY 2005-2006
University of Texas at Brownsville		$3,654,200.00	1,749	AY 2004-2005
University of Texas at El Paso	$2,000.00	$1,272,568.00	659	AY 2014-2015
University of Texas at San Antonio	$2,000.00	$700,000.00	345	AY 2013-2014
University of Texas Health San Antonio	$2,000.00	$1,092,000.00	492	AY 2004-2005
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$2,000.00	$2,364,000.00	1,233	AY 2015-2016
University of the Incarnate Word	$4,000.00	$296,000.00	77	AY 2015-2016
General Fund	$2,000.00	$2,533,771.91	1,542	AY 2004-2005
		$36,513,566.86	**17,776**	