

# STARS

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS



2023



# Mission

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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

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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.

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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.



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## 22 Texas College & University Partners

Stars Scholarship Fund has established partnerships with 22 area colleges and universities via our Matching Funds Program. These institutions agree to match Stars' contributions dollar for dollar, where the award amount is split 50/50. Our partner institutions represent Texas colleges and universities that serve the students from our community.



## Serves 30 Counties in South & West Texas

Stars Scholarship Fund serves students from thirty (30) counties in the West and South Texas area: Aransas, Bee, Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Culberson, Duval, El Paso, Goliad, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, Pecos, Presidio, San Patricio, Refugio, Starr, Terrell, Webb, Willacy and Zapata



## Scholarships to Students at Every Level

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 provides scholarships to undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students.



## Commit 100% of Funds Donated to Scholarships

All operating expenses are underwritten largely by L&F Distributors, allowing Stars Scholarship Fund to commit 100% of every dollar donated to scholarships for the students of south and west Texas to attend the college of their choice.



## Trusted Non-Profit

Stars Scholarship Fund is a 501C-3 nonprofit organization; and has earned a Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency with GuideStar, one of the leading reporting agencies for non-profit organizations.

**38**

MILLION DOLLARS  
IN SCHOLARSHIPS  
SINCE 2002

**18,490**

STUDENTS  
HAVE RECEIVED  
A SCHOLARSHIP SINCE 2002

**58%**

RECIPIENTS ARE  
FIRST-GENERATION  
STUDENTS

**74%**

RECIPIENTS HOLD  
A 3.5 GPA  
OR GREATER



# 2022-2023 Recipients



**Ellora Vela**  
*Texas Tech University*

“Stars Scholarship allowed me to pursue a Bachelors and Master’s Degrees at Texas Tech University. Completing a post-secondary education would be impossible without their support. Thank you Stars Scholarship and donors!”



**Cristian Rosales**  
*UT Health San Antonio*

“Thanks to the Stars Scholarship fund, I was able to figure out of my living situation for my first year. I was able to focus on my studies and adapt to living a new setting more easily. This scholarship fund legitimately cares about each situation that recipients are in and is more than willing to help!”



**Rebecca Villarreal**  
*College of Saint Mary*

“Paying for college has always been a question for my family. The Stars Scholarship helped my family and I cover most of my leftover tuition which was a blessing. When I got word about receiving the Stars scholarship, I cried because I was so happy.”



**Jayra Yacute**  
*South Texas College*

“The Stars Scholarship fund has helped me continue to pursue my dream to graduate. It has provided me with this opportunity, and I will forever be thankful. I appreciate all those that help in the Stars Scholarship.”



**Lois Baldado**  
*University of Texas  
Rio Grande Valley*

“The Stars Scholarship has greatly funded my undergraduate education and pathway to medical school. I am one step closer to pursuing my career goals, and I am incredibly grateful for this blessing.”



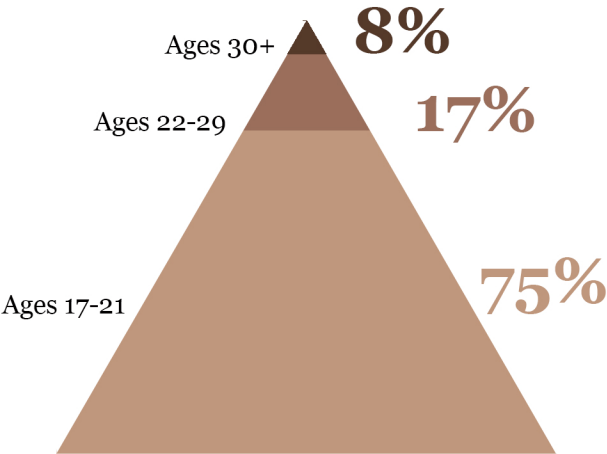
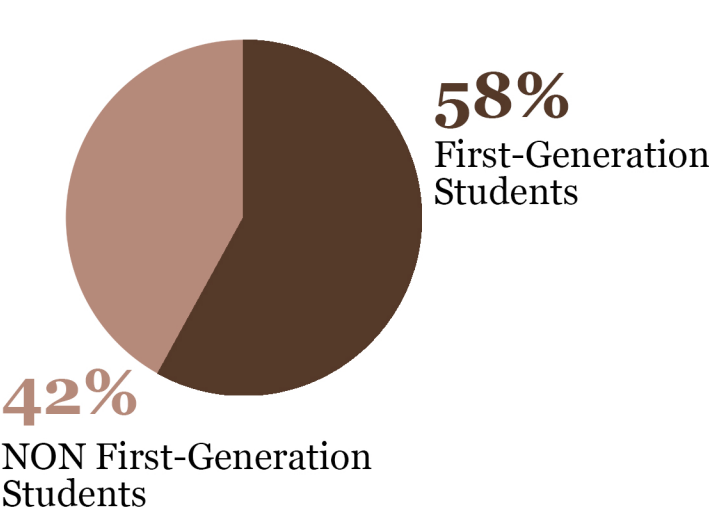
**Esteban Guerrero-Ortiz**  
*Texas State University*

“As a graduate student, you don’t get too much financial support. Thanks to this scholarship, I was able to attend my chosen counseling program and hopefully return to the valley and make an impact to people’s mental health. Thank you, Stars Scholarship, and donors, for making my dreams possible!”

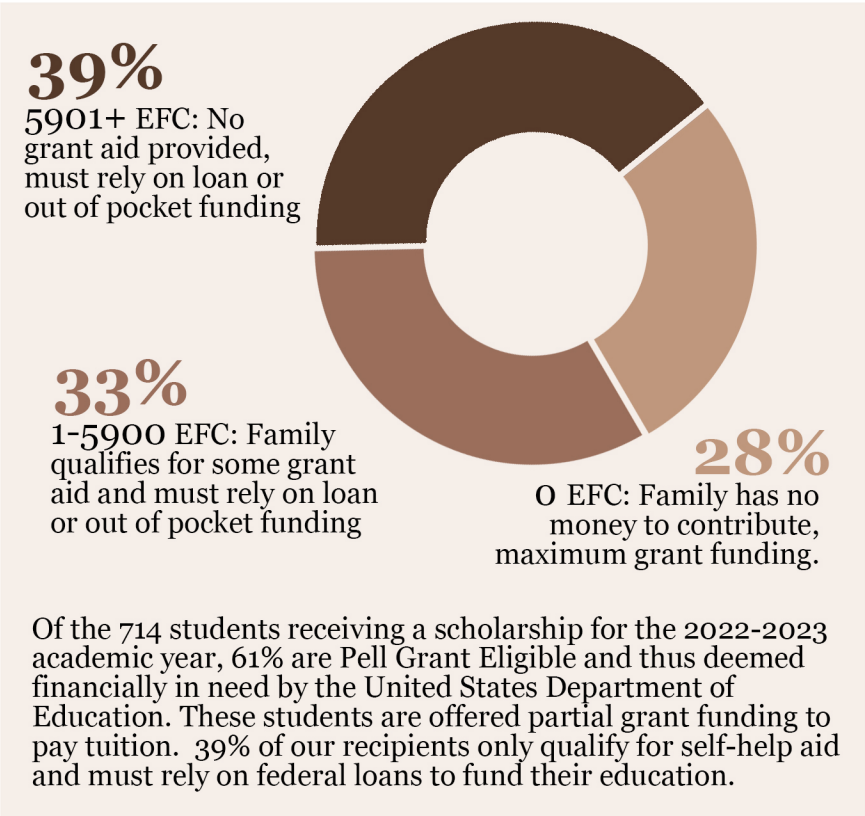
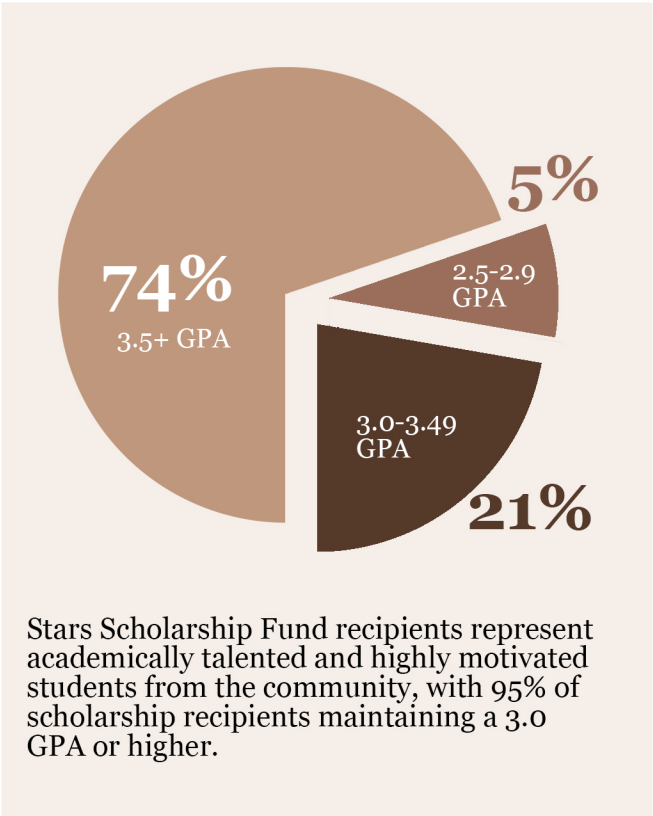


# 2022-2023 Recipient Demographics

Only **4** out of every **10** eligible applicants received a scholarship



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# Application History

Academic Year	Ineligible Applicants	Eligible Applicants	Recipients	Total Applicants	% Awarded	Amount Disbursed
Not Awarded						
2022-2023	2,493	1,212	714	4,419	16.16%	\$1,509,250
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
		26,892	18,490	83,872		\$38,022,817

83,872

Applications submitted since inception

45,382

Total eligible applicants since inception

18,490

Total scholarships awarded since inception

26,892

Total students were left unfunded since inception



# MATCHING PARTNERS



Dreams. Delivered.



Laredo College



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY

Schreiner University



South Texas College

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY



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Health San Antonio  
Doctor of Physical Therapy

SCHOOL of LAW



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
CORPUS CHRISTI



Texas State  
Technical College™

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

SAN MARCOS

The rising STAR of Texas™



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER  
EL PASO



UTSA

The University of Texas  
at San Antonio™

TEXAS

The University of Texas at Austin



UT Health  
San Antonio

UTRGV





# Matching Partnership History

Institution	Award Amounts	Scholarship Disbursement To Date	Recipient Totals To Date	Partners Since
Del Mar College	\$1,400.00	\$752,550.00	691	AY 2004-2005
El Paso Community College	\$2,000.00	\$482,900.00	316	AY 2014-2015
Laredo Community College	\$1,400.00	\$450,870.40	386	AY 2006-2007
Our Lady of the Lake	\$5,000.00	\$289,828.00	59	AY 2013-2014
Schreiner University	\$3,500.00	\$201,000.00	42	AY 2013-2014
South Texas College	\$1,000.00	\$1,225,101.00	1259	AY 2004-2005
St. Mary's University	\$4,000.00	\$615,000.00	150	AY 2013-2014
St. Mary's University School of Law	\$10,000.00	\$300,000.00	32	AY 2013-2014
Texas A&M International University	\$2,000.00	\$2,189,500.00	1127	AY 2004-2005
Texas A&M University	\$3,500.00	\$4,628,500.46	1390	AY 2004-2005
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi	\$2,000.00	\$3,142,000.00	1642	AY 2004-2005
Texas A&M University Kingsville	\$2,000.00	\$1,815,000.00	927	AY 2004-2005
Texas State Technical College	\$1,400.00	\$695,650.00	459	AY 2004-2005
Texas State University	\$2,000.00	\$1,267,000.00	657	AY 2007-2008
Texas Tech University	\$2,000.00	\$654,250.00	280	AY 2006-2007
Texas Tech Health Science Center El Paso	\$4,000.00	\$92,000.00	24	AY 2020-2021
University of Texas - Austin	\$3,500.00	\$3,240,999.76	951	AY 2010-2011
University of Texas - Pan American		\$3,397,877.84	1659	AY 2005-2006
University of Texas at Brownsville		\$3,654,200.00	1749	AY 2004-2005
University of Texas at El Paso	\$2,000.00	\$1,402,568.00	728	AY 2014-2015
University of Texas at San Antonio	\$2,000.00	\$744,000.00	368	AY 2013-2014
University of Texas Health San Antonio	\$2,000.00	\$1,113,000.00	503	AY 2004-2005
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	\$2,000.00	\$2,623,000.00	1376	AY 2015-2016
University of the Incarnate Word	\$4,000.00	\$328,000.00	85	AY 2015-2016
General Fund	\$2,000.00	\$2,718,021.91	1630	AY 2004-2005
		\$38,022,817.37	18490	