RIO GRANDE VALLEY

EXTRAVAGANZA

AN EVENING WITH

MICAH PARSONS

STARS EXTRAVAGANZA

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THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

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MICAH PARSONS

Micah Parsons stands out as one of football's star defensive talents at the linebacker position. An All-American at Penn State Football, he earned the prestigious Butkus–Fitzgerald Linebacker of the Year award. Drafted twelfth overall by the Dallas Cowboys in the 2021 NFL Draft, Parsons quickly garnered recognition, including being named first-team All-Pro by the Associated Press and unanimously awarded the Defensive Rookie of the Year. In 2024, Parsons further solidified his reputation, earning a spot in the Pro Bowl for the third consecutive year.



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.

2023-2024 Recipients



Diego Zuniga
Our Lady of the Lake University

"Stars Scholarship has been such a great help to my family and me in funding my undergraduate studies. I am so thankful to Stars Scholarship for providing me with such a wonderful opportunity to further my studies."



Danielle Pike
South Texas College

"Stars Scholarship has helped me continue and pursue my academic and career goals of becoming a future Medical Director. Furthermore, it has allowed me to a lead by example as the a first in my family to graduate with a 4-year degree."



Lindsey Montemayor
Nova Southeastern University

"The Stars Scholarship has helped me attend my dream college. My program of interest (Cardiovascular Sonography) is often expensive, and Stars has aided my family and I in affording tuition. This has eased my mind and allowed me to focus more on my education."



Joel Nweke
UT Health San Antonio

"Stars Scholarship has helped me throughout my undergrad and has continued to aid me during my graduate academic journey. I can never thank the foundation enough for their endless support!"



Jacklyn Espinosa Gonzalez
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

"I'm very grateful for the opportunities given to me. Because of the scholarship, I was able to get the necessary resources to help me apply to PA school which I will start next fall 2024. I didn't have to worry about expenses and was able to focus on my grades and be a leader in my student organizations."



Eden Williamson
University of Texas - Austin

"The Stars Scholarship has allowed me to enjoy my time at UT Austin without worrying about the financial burden of college. I am immensely grateful for the donors and supporters of the Stars Scholarship who allow me and other students the opportunity to thrive!"

Who we are helping



2023-2024 Recipients

Recipients represent the following counties for this academic year:

Hidalgo County 47%

El Paso County 15%

Webb County 13%

Cameron County 11%

Nueces County 6%

Other Counties 9%

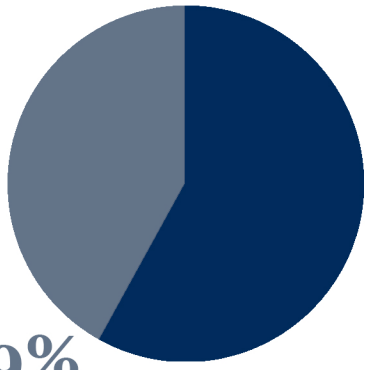
Stars Scholarship Fund serves 30 south and west Texas counties.

Aransas	Hudspeth	Nueces
Bee	Jeff Davis	Pecos
Brewster	Jim Hogg	Presidio
Brooks	Jim Wells	Refugio
Cameron	Karnes	San Patricio
Culberson	Kenedy	Starr
Duval	Kleberg	Terrell
El Paso	La Salle	Webb
Goliad	Live Oak	Willacy
Hidalgo	McMullen	Zapata

2023-2024 Recipient Demographics

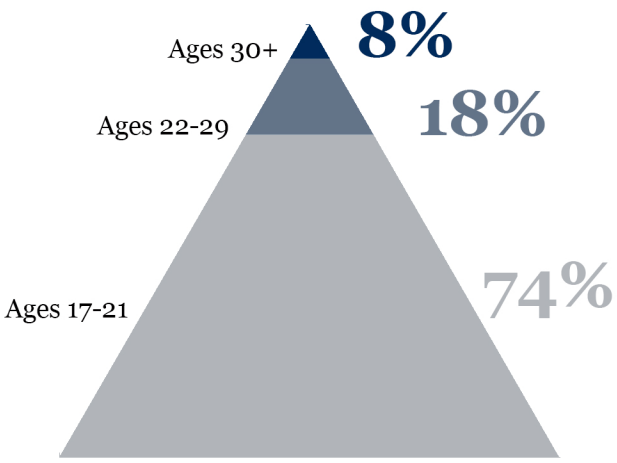
Only **4** out of every **10** eligible applicants received a scholarship



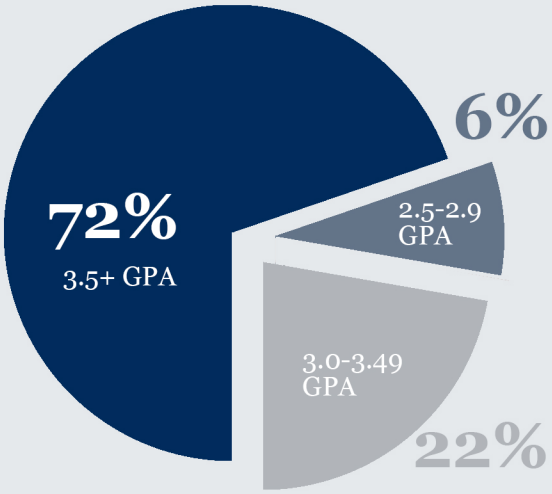


61%
First-Generation Students

39%
NON First-Generation Students

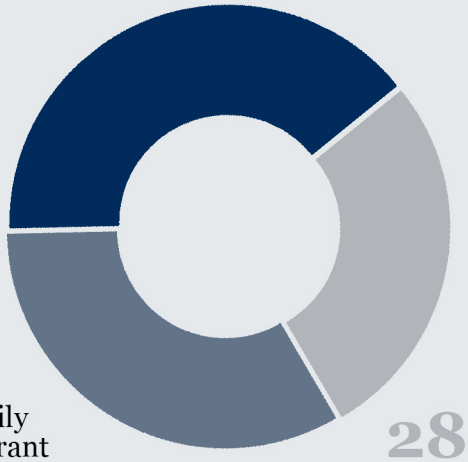


Stars Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to students of every level of higher education and field of study. We award students from our community of any gender, any ethnicity, any age, any religion, and any background.



Stars Scholarship Fund recipients represent academically talented and highly motivated students from the community, with 94% of scholarship recipients maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher.

39%
5901+ EFC: No grant aid provided, must rely on loan or out of pocket funding



33%
1-5900 EFC: Family qualifies for some grant aid and must rely on loan or out of pocket funding

28%
0 EFC: Family has no money to contribute, maximum grant funding.

Of the 567 students receiving a scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year, 61% 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. 39% of our recipients only qualify for self-help aid and must rely on federal loans to fund their education.



Colleges and Majors

Auburn University	1
Baylor University	3
Boston University	1
Brigham Young University-Idaho	1
Brown University	1
College of Saint Catherine	1
Columbia University	1
Del Mar College	6
El Paso County Community College	25
Harvard College	1
Houston Baptist University	1
John Hopkins University	1
Laredo College	9
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1
McNeese State University	1
Northeastern University	2
Our Lady of The Lake University	5
University of Pennsylvania	1
San Antonio College	1
Sarah Lawrence College	1
Schreiner University	1
South Texas College	59
Southwest University	1
St Mary's School of Law	3
St Mary's University	12
Stanford University	1
Sul Ross State University	1
Tarleton State University	1
Texas A&M International University	29
Texas A&M University	35
Texas A&M University - Commerce	1
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi	31
Texas A&M University - Kingsville	23
Texas A&M University - Texarkana	1
Texas A&M University San Antonio	3
Texas A&M University System Health Science Center	2
Texas Lutheran University	1
Texas State Technical College	4
Texas State University	20
Texas Tech University	11
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso	8
Texas Woman's University	1
Trinity University	1
University of Houston	1
University of Houston - Victoria	1
University of Illinois Chicago	1
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	1
University of North Texas	1
University of Pennsylvania	1
University of Phoenix	1
University of Southern California	2
University of Texas - El Paso	45
University of Texas at Arlington	2
University of Texas at Dallas	3
University of Texas at San Antonio	22
University of Texas at Tyler	1
University of Texas Austin	50
University of Texas Dallas	1
University of Texas Health - San Antonio	8
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	1
University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston	1
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	103
University of the Incarnate Word	8
Vanderbilt University	1
Wake Forest University	1

TOP 10 MAJORS
PURSUED BY RECIPIENTS

1. **Biological Sciences**
2. **Nursing - LVN/RN/BSN**
3. **Business Administration**
4. **Computer Science**
5. **Education**
6. **Health Sciences**
7. **Mechanical Engineering**
8. **Psychology**
9. **Finance**
10. **Criminology**



Matching Partnership History

Institution	2023-2024 Award Amounts	Scholarship Disbursement To Date	Recipient Totals To Date	Partners Since
Del Mar College	$1,600.00	$762,150.00	697	AY 2004-2005
El Paso Community College	$2,000.00	$522,900.00	337	AY 2014-2015
Laredo Community College	$1,500.00	$462,870.40	394	AY 2006-2007
Our Lady of the Lake	$5,000.00	$309,828.00	63	AY 2013-2014
Schreiner University	$5,000.00	$206,000.00	43	AY 2013-2014
South Texas College	$1,000.00	$1,275,101.00	1311	AY 2004-2005
St. Mary's University	$4,000.00	$659,000.00	161	AY 2013-2014
St. Mary's University School of Law	$10,000.00	$320,000.00	34	AY 2013-2014
Texas A&M International University	$3,000.00	$2,270,500.00	1154	AY 2004-2005
Texas A&M University	$5,000.00	$4,788,500.46	1422	AY 2004-2005
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi	$3,000.00	$3,235,000.00	1673	AY 2004-2005
Texas A&M University Kingsville	$2,000.00	$1,861,000.00	950	AY 2004-2005
Texas State Technical College	$2,000.00	$701,650.00	463	AY 2004-2005
Texas State University	$3,000.00	$1,318,000.00	674	AY 2007-2008
Texas Tech University	$3,000.00	$684,250.00	290	AY 2006-2007
Texas Tech Health Science Center El Paso	$4,000.00	$124,000.00	32	AY 2020-2021
University of Texas - Austin	$5,000.00	$3,470,998.84	997	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	$3,000.00	$1,537,568.00	773	AY 2014-2015
University of Texas at San Antonio	$3,000.00	$795,000.00	385	AY 2013-2014
University of Texas Health San Antonio	$3,000.00	$1,134,000.00	510	AY 2004-2005
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$3,000.00	$2,893,000.00	1466	AY 2015-2016
University of the Incarnate Word	$4,000.00	$360,000.00	93	AY 2015-2016
General Fund	$2,000.00	$2,903,021.91	1727	AY 2004-2005
		$39,646,416.45	**19,057**	

Application History

Academic Year	Ineligible Applicants	Eligible Applicants *Not Awarded*	Recipients	Total Applicants	% Awarded	Amount Disbursed
2023-2024	2,382	1,366	567	4,315	13.14%	$1,511,624
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
		28,258	**19,057**	**88,187**		**$39,534,441**

88,187
Applications submitted since inception

47,315
Total **eligible applicants** since inception

19,057
Total scholarships **awarded** since inception

28,258
Total **students** were left **unfunded** since inception

Board of Directors

Stars is governed by a small and cohesive Board of Directors who share a commitment to the goals and objectives of our organization and our work on behalf of higher education. Our Board of Directors consists of experienced professionals who bring years of experience in business, community involvement, development and service towards education.



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Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

Rio Grande Valley

Crown of Jewels

$30,000

2 tables at the Extravaganza

Includes 16 total seats

Exclusive Table Location

2 Meet & Greet Passes

Company name recognition on radio throughout the year

Company logo recognition on television, print, and outdoor advertising throughout the year

Year-round logo recognition on www.starsscholarship.org

Company logo recognition at the event

Double Diamond

$20,000

1 Table at the Extravaganza

Includes 8 total seats

Premier table location

Company name recognition on radio and outdoor advertising throughout the year

Company logo recognition on television and print advertising throughout the year

Year-round logo recognition on www.starsscholarship.org

Company logo recognition at the event

Diamond

$15,000

1 table at the Extravaganza

Includes 8 total seats

Prestigious table location

Company name recognition on television, print, and radio advertising throughout the year

Year-round name recognition on www.starsscholarship.org

Company recognition at the event

Emerald

$10,000

1 table at the Extravaganza

Includes 8 total seats

Prime table location

Company name recognition on television, print and radio advertising throughout the year

Year-round name recognition on www.starsscholarship.org

Company name recognition at the event

Sapphire

$7,500

1 table at the Extravaganza

Includes 8 total seats

Company name recognition on print and radio advertising throughout the year

Year-round name recognition on www.starsscholarship.org

Company name recognition at the event

Ruby

$5,000

1 table at the Extravaganza

Includes 8 total seats

Company name recognition on print advertising throughout the year

Year-round name recognition on www.starsscholarship.org

Company name recognition at the event

STARS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Rio Grande Valley Extravaganza

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL:

☐ CROWN OF JEWELS ($30,000) ☐ DOUBLE DIAMOND ($20,000) ☐ DIAMOND ($15,000) ☐ DONATION

☐ EMERALD ($10,000) ☐ SAPPHIRE ($7,500) ☐ RUBY ($5,000) $ _____

100% OF FUNDS DONATED WILL BE APPLIED TO STUDENT SCHOLARHIPS.

PAYMENT OPTION

☐ PAYMENT ENCLOSED ☐ INVOICE ME VIA EMAIL ☐ PAYMENT TO FOLLOW

CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME OF COMPANY *PLEASE LIST NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR IN ALL RECOGNITION*	
CONTACT PERSON	TITLE
PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS

BILLING ADDRESS PLEASE PRINT
RECEIPT FOR DONATION WILL BE SENT TO THIS ADDRESS.

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ADVERTISING OPTION

COMPANY FACEBOOK PROFILE: facebook.com/	COMPANY INSTAGRAM HANDLE: @	COMPANY TWITTER HANDLE: @

EMAIL COMPANY LOGO TO LAURA.ESCAMILLA@STARSSCHOLARSHIP.ORG

☐ PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE US IN ANY ADVERTISING OR RECOGNITION.

AUTHORIZATION

AUTHORIZED NAME _____ AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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