



STARS SCHOLARSHIP FUND



2024

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 lead by example as the 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

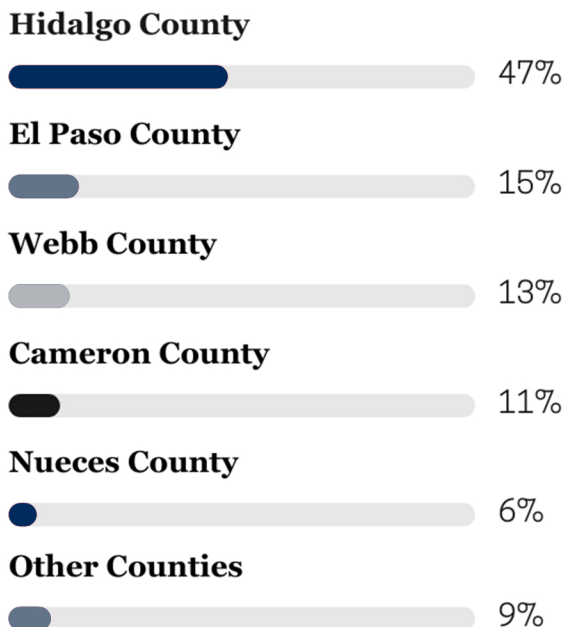
“The Stars Scholarship has allowed me to enjoy my time at UT Austin without worrying about the financial burden of college. I am immensely grateful for the donors and supporters of the Stars Scholarship who allow me and other students the opportunity to thrive!”

Who we are helping



2023-2024 Recipients

Recipients represent the following counties for this academic year:

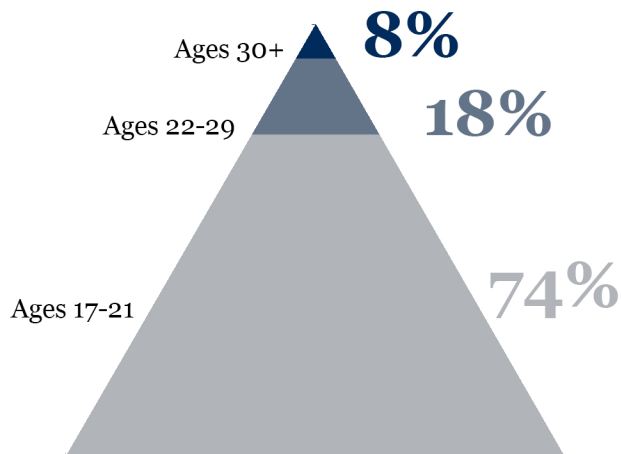
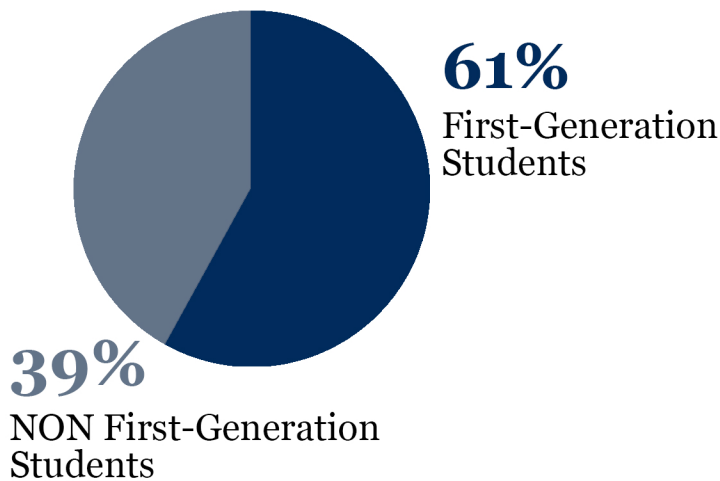


Stars Scholarship Fund serves 30 south and west Texas counties.

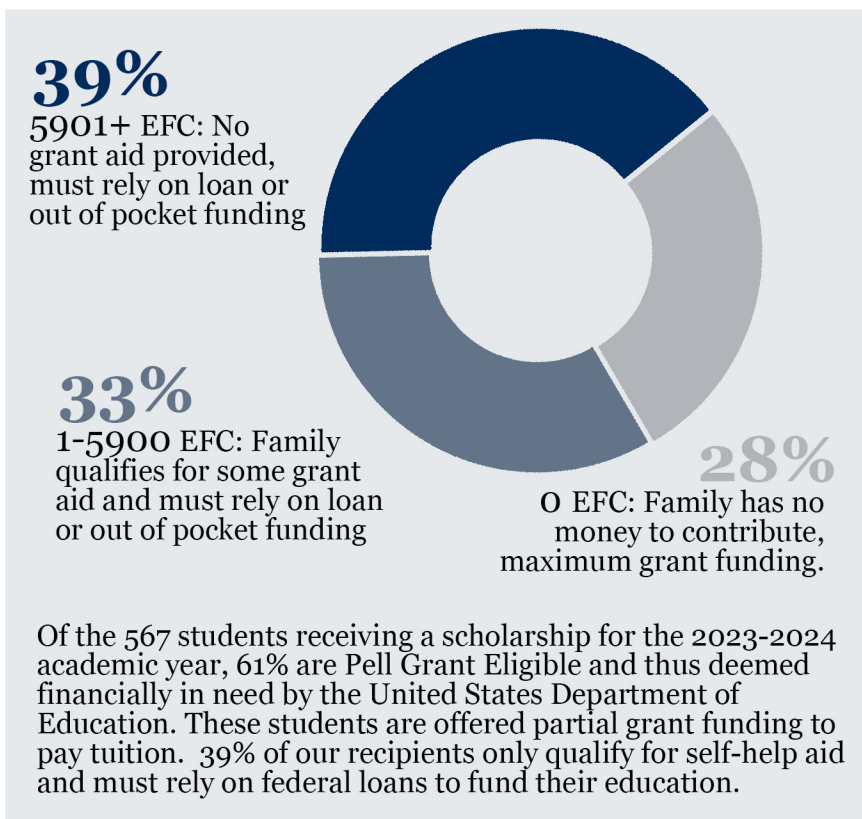
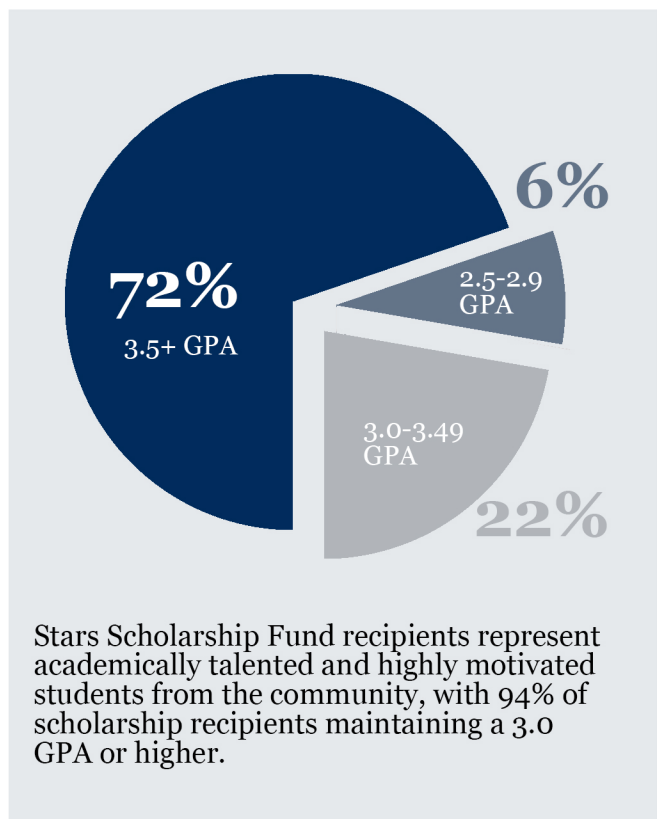
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| Aransas | Hudspeth | Nueces |
| Bee | Jeff Davis | Pecos |
| Brewster | Jim Hogg | Presidio |
| Brooks | Jim Wells | Refugio |
| Cameron | Karnes | San Patricio |
| Culberson | Kenedy | Starr |
| Duval | Kleberg | Terrell |
| El Paso | La Salle |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

2023-2024 Recipient Demographics

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



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.



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	Recipients	Total Applicants	% Awarded	Amount Disbursed
		<i>Not Awarded</i>				
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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