Our Scholarship Program

For the past 50 years, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has connected generous donors with the charitable causes they care about, providing educational opportunities for students along the way. We have helped passionate individuals, families and organizations create scholarships that collectively award $2.8 million to over 800 students throughout the state of Oklahoma each year.

835 Recipients in 2021
$3,400 Average Award
73% Inside OKC Metro

Our Recipients in 2021

Where They’re Studying

University of Oklahoma – 193 (23%)
Oklahoma State University – 173 (20%)
University of Central Oklahoma – 91 (10%)
Out of State – 96 (11%)
Other Colleges/Universities in Oklahoma – 55 (6%)
Oklahoma City University – 39 (5%)
Oklahoma City Community College – 27 (3%)
Rose State College – 23 (3%)
SW Oklahoma State University – 21 (3%)
OSU-OKC – 19 (2%)
Cameron University – 16 (2%)
Redlands Community College – 14 (2%)
Southern Nazarene University – 14 (2%)
Langston University – 11 (2%)
OU Health Sciences Center – 10 (1%)
University of Tulsa – 11 (2%)
Northern Oklahoma College – 12 (2%)
Not Specified – 10 (1%)

What They’re Studying

- 20% Engineering
- 16% Liberal Arts
- 12% Medical & Health
- 12% Business & Finance
- 11% Sciences
- 9% Nursing
- 5% Vocational Tech
- 4% Education
- 4% Media & Communications
- 4% Architecture
- 3% Other

Dots represent high schools, with multiple recipients per school.
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We support your growing scholarships: occf.org/scholarshipgiving
There were few things in life Lt. Col. John Matkins “Matt” Kincade loved more than soaring through the open air with the wind behind him and miles upon miles unfolding in front of him. As a child, Matt dreamed of flying like they did in the air shows he watched in Arizona, and in 1998, he made that a reality when he joined the U.S. Navy.

During his distinguished 20-year aviation career, Matt trained to fly seven different fighter aircrafts, completed several specialty trainings and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom as well as a land mission to Japan. He logged more than 3,200 hours in a fighter aircraft, including 124 hours of combat time and was lauded for his remarkable performance under strenuous combat conditions.

“I could not imagine a better way to keep his legacy alive than to support students who love aviation as Matt did.”
— Gina Kincade
wife of Lt. Col. John Matkins “Matt” Kincade
In 2013, Matt moved to Oklahoma with his family to join the 5th Training Squadron as an instructor pilot at Vance Air Force Base in Enid. Despite leaving enemy fire behind, after six short years as a flight instructor, the prairie did not seem so safe when Matt was killed in a training accident in 2019.

To keep his memory alive, Matt’s wife, Gina, established the Cravin’ Flight Scholarship at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Over the past two years, she has worked hard to raise money for the scholarship, bringing people together through silent auctions and golf tournaments and raising enough to benefit two student scholarships.

In 2021, Garrett Martin became the first student to receive the Cravin’ Flight Scholarship. “Since receiving this scholarship, I have been able to receive my private pilot’s certificate,” Garrett said. “This scholarship enabled me to achieve this when I never would have financially been able to before.”

By partnering with the Community Foundation, Gina has not only ensured this scholarship will be available to students in perpetuity, but she has also developed an environment where it can continue to grow and benefit even more students in the future.

“I always felt Matt’s life ended far too soon,” Gina said. “Matt loved aviation and loved teaching kids how to fly, and he took a lot of pride in his students. I could not imagine a better way to keep his legacy alive than to support students who love aviation as Matt did.”
Riyanna Williams
OU Health Sciences Center
Nursing Program
Photo by Brandon Smider
COVID-19 Opened One Student’s Eyes To A Career in Nursing

“I have always wanted to serve others and originally thought that law school would give me that opportunity,” Riyanna Williams said. “But once the pandemic hit and I saw how my friends and family really needed help from the medical community, my heart started moving toward nursing, and I never looked back.”

The Tulsa Union graduate knew she would be paying for college herself, so she turned to the Community Foundation Scholarship Program for help. After changing her major to nursing and revising her account on the Community Foundation’s online application system, she discovered she was eligible for the Nurse Education Program and the Laurene Ann Opdyke Nursing Scholarships. She applied and was awarded both.

An Oklahoma City Community Foundation Trustee Initiative, the Nurse Education Program Scholarship was created in 2003 in an effort to address the need for qualified nursing staff in area hospitals. Since its inception, the Community Foundation’s impact on the field of nursing has grown with the help of generous donors who have supported and bolstered the initiative with additional scholarships.

In 2016, Richard Opdyke established the Laurene Ann Opdyke Nursing Scholarship in honor of his late wife’s work as a nurse. The scholarship supports students pursuing a bachelor’s degree in nursing during their junior and senior years.

Through her work as a President’s Community Scholar and a George Henderson Scholar at the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Riyanna has found a way to stay true to her dream of helping others while tackling the rigorous nursing program at the OU Health Sciences Center. She also has found time to reach the community away from school as a volunteer at a food pantry and the Infant Crisis Services Unity Clinic.

“This whole experience has helped me learn anything is possible,” Riyanna said. “It’s given me the strength and confidence to keep pushing for my goals and just go for what I want. You never know if you don’t try, and if you put in the work, you’ll find there is probably the perfect scholarship for you.”

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Supporting Students Who Dare To Achieve

P.B. Odom III Family Scholarship

Jennevieve Scott, PB Odom III Family Scholarship recipient, visits with Beth and Paul Odom, donors, on the University of Oklahoma Campus, 2022

Photo by Brandon Snider
“Over and over again, I’ve seen how when you give the right tool to the right person, you change their lives, their family’s lives, their neighbors’ lives and the ripple effect it has on the community,” Beth Odom said.

For more than 50 years, third-generation real estate developers Beth and P.B. Odom III have not only helped shape the physical landscape of south Oklahoma City, but they have also made it their home, raising their children and giving back to their community through their time, talents and resources.

As a past president and member of Women of the South, Beth worked closely with their scholarship program, witnessing firsthand the impact scholarships have.

So, when Paul and Beth began discussing new ways they could enhance their community, she knew just what to do, and as an Oklahoma City Community Foundation Trustee, Paul knew the perfect place to accomplish their goal.

In 2016, the couple established the P.B. Odom III Family Scholarship at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to support students from south Oklahoma City and Moore. Fortunately for Jennevieve Scott, Beth’s scholarship experience had emphasized the importance of supporting students of all different walks of life, leading the Odoms to open their scholarship up to students beyond traditional school age, creating an opportunity for nontraditional students where few are available.

After setting aside her collegiate dream to support her family and later raise her children, Jennevieve Scott discovered her passion more than a decade after graduating high school. While substitute teaching, she was writing her name on the chalkboard and a lightbulb went off. It suddenly dawned on her this was what she was meant to do. But with money tight, pursuing a degree seemed far-fetched.

She decided to sit down with an advisor at the OU Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education anyway, and to Jennevieve’s delight, she discovered it was possible — it would just be unbelievably hard. But, she was undeterred. She started looking into every possible resource to help out, putting the word out with friends, family, neighbors, their church parish, anywhere and everywhere she went.

“Finding scholarships as a nontraditional student is difficult to begin with,” Jennevieve said. “But on top of that, a lot of application questions and essay questions are focused on extracurriculars. Between school, work and kids, I really don’t have time for extracurriculars.”

Despite all the hurdles, Jennevieve pressed on, and eventually her perseverance paid off. A member of their family’s parish suggested she look into the P.B. Odom III Family Scholarship, and her dream became a real possibility.

“There’s no way that I would be able to even consider doing this if it weren’t for my scholarship and loan opportunities,” Jennevieve said. “There’s a peace of mind that comes from not only having that extra funding, but also knowing there are people out there who don’t even know you that are rooting for you. For me, that’s encouraging and overwhelming, and a part of me wants to do well to live up to this gift that has been given to me. It has had a huge impact on our financial stability and my morale overall.”

Today, with just over a year left before graduation, Jennevieve continues to press on so soon she can pay it forward, impacting the community by helping her students to have a lightbulb moment of their own.

— Jennevieve Scott
P.B. Odom III Family Scholarship Recipient
Funding Students’ Futures

The largest of its kind in Oklahoma, our scholarship program exists because of donors just like YOU who want to make a difference for students in our community. Whether you want to establish a legacy, honor a loved one or give back to your alma mater, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation makes it easy to achieve your charitable goals while giving deserving students the opportunity to pursue their dream.

From Start to Finish

1. **Establish Your Scholarship.**
   Start with a minimum of a $50,000 gift.

2. **We’ll Administer It.**
   We will ensure your charitable goals are fulfilled and IRS guidelines are followed.

3. **Promote, Promote, Promote.**
   Through publications, college fairs, social media and close work with guidance counselors and colleges, our team promotes your scholarship statewide.

4. **Time to Apply.**
   Your scholarship will be listed on Academic Works (occf.academicworks.com) to make it easy for students to apply and reach a greater number of potential applicants.

5. **Recipients Selected.**
   Our experienced selection committees objectively and carefully review applications, ensuring criteria are met and the most qualified applicant(s) are selected.

6. **The Payout.**
   Our efficient disbursement of awards ensures funds are paid directly to the educational institution only after students verify they are enrolled and meet award criteria.

7. **We’ll Handle That.**
   We process all donations made to the fund, mail gift acknowledgements to the donors and provide you with an annual fund report showing gifts, distributions and investment performance.

8. **Want More?**
   With the Donor Fund Portal, you have 24/7 access to your fund balance, gift and annual award history and quarterly investment performance.

Learn more at [occf.org/scholarshipgiving](http://occf.org/scholarshipgiving)

Our Investment Strategy

How are scholarship funds invested?

- Scholarship endowments are pooled together with other Oklahoma City Community Foundation funds so funds of all sizes benefit from investment performance.
- Funds are invested by both active managers and index funds to add value while keeping the cost low.
- Allocation decisions, investment portfolios and performance are reviewed quarterly by our volunteer Investment Committee made up of Trustees, former Trustees and community leaders with strong investment expertise, as well as our Investment Counsel, Goldman Sachs Personal Financial Management.

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Learn more at [occf.org/investment](http://occf.org/investment)
Using the Power of Endowment

15-Year Scholarship Growth

How and What to Give

How to Grow an Existing Scholarship:
- Help increase the amount of awards by giving to one of the many scholarships listed in this publication.
- Search for the scholarship fund at donate.occf.org.
- Mail your gift to: Oklahoma City Community Foundation, PO Box 1146, Oklahoma City, OK 73101

*Be sure to include the scholarship name on your check!

How to Start Your Own Scholarship:
With a minimum gift of $50,000, we can help you create a fully-endowed scholarship that provides at least a $2,000 scholarship each year.

What to Give:
At the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, nearly any asset can be gifted to support scholarship funds. By using assets other than cash, you can make a significant gift without impacting your current lifestyle and receive the maximum tax benefits allowed.

- Include a gift in your will or trust.
- Name OCCF as a beneficiary of your retirement account or life insurance policy.
- Gift appreciated securities, land or personal property.
- Make a gift that pays you income.
- Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from a Traditional IRA.

Learn more at occf.org/scholarshipgiving
## Scholarship Endowment Funds

Established by a variety of donors to provide educational opportunities for students, these scholarship and award endowments collectively distribute $2.8 million to nearly 800 students each year. The Oklahoma City Community Foundation manages the administration, promotion, application process, recipient selection and disbursement of awards for these funds. 

*Funds as of April 1, 2022. Listed with date established. | * indicates New Funds established since the 2020 Scholarship Review.*

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**95th Division Scholarship | 2016**

The scholarship was established by the 95th Division Foundation to benefit graduating high school seniors who are descendants of the 95th Infantry Division soldiers.

**Mike Allen Memorial Education Fund | 1996**

The fund was established by the Oklahoma City Federation of Teachers in honor of past president Mike Allen. Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors from Oklahoma City Public Schools.

**Aaron Alley Memorial Scholarship | 2003**

The scholarship was established by the Woodward High School class of 1993 in honor of classmate Aaron Alley who died of cancer at age 28. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Woodward High School.

**H.W. Almen West OKC Rotary Scholarship | 2004**

The scholarship was established through an estate gift from longtime Rotary member Hal Almen. Awards benefit graduating seniors from Oklahoma high schools.

**American Society of Civil Engineers Scholarship | 2000**

The scholarship was established by the organization to benefit civil engineering students at the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University.

**American Society of Landscape Architects Scholarship | 2006**

The scholarship was established by the Oklahoma chapter to benefit students enrolled in a landscape design/architectural program in Oklahoma including Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University–Oklahoma City and Langston University.

**Andersen-Spraberry Scholarships | 2006**

The scholarship was established by former Perry resident Stella V. Andersen in honor of Mrs. Andersen and her brother, George Spraberry Jr., who was a longtime teacher at Prague High School. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Perry and Prague high schools.

**BSO Ivy Foundation Scholarship | 2004**

The scholarship was established by the BSO Ivy Foundation, the charitable arm of Oklahoma City’s Beta Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Oklahoma City area high schools.

**Bank of Oklahoma Achieving New Goals Scholarship | 2016**

The scholarship was established by the Bank of Oklahoma to benefit graduating seniors of Oklahoma City, Mid-Del, Putnam City, Millwood, Cooked Oak or Western Heights public high schools.

**John Barresi Memorial Scholarship | 2009**

The scholarship was established by the Barresi family to benefit graduating seniors of Harding Charter Preparatory School.

**Bennett Family Scholarship | 2015**

The scholarship was established by Phyllis Bennett and family to benefit graduating seniors from single-parent homes pursuing studies in education, science, technology, engineering or mathematics.
Mike Buchwald Costume Design Scholarship | 2014
The scholarship was established by University of Oklahoma professor Mike Buchwald to benefit students attending the university’s school of drama.

Frank & Merle Buttram String Awards | 1991
The fund was established by Dorsey Buttram in memory of his parents, Merle and Frank Buttram, to support awards for students competing in the stringed instruments division of the Oklahoma City Orchestra League Music Competition.

Capitol Hill High School Scholarship | 2002
The scholarship was established by Capitol Hill High School alumnus John E. Orr through a challenge to his fellow alumni. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Capitol Hill High School.

Elizabeth E. Carlson Scholarship | 2003
The scholarship was established through a gift from the estate of longtime Putnam City High School teacher Elizabeth Carlson. Awards benefit Putnam City School District graduating seniors who are pursuing a degree in education.

Carol and Dr. R. LeRoy Carpenter Scholarship Fund | 2021*
The scholarship was established in 2021 to honor high-achieving students at the OU College of Medicine.

Ray Carpenter Memorial FFA/4-H Scholarship | 2019
The scholarship was established by Ray Carpenter’s wife, Evelyn Carpenter, to benefit Canadian County graduating high school seniors involved in FFA or 4-H.

Carrington Hall Family Scholarship | 2021*
The scholarship was established by Julie Carrington Hall to assist Oklahoma high school graduates.

Duane & Villa Rae Carter Scholarship | 2014
The scholarship was established through a gift from the estate of Duane Carter, a longtime certified public accountant and tax attorney. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Chickasha High School.

Casady Class of 1996 Scholarship | 2003
The scholarship was established by the Casady graduating class of 1996 and is awarded through the general scholarship program at Casady School.

Nola Casey Scholarship | 2018
The scholarship was established by longtime educator Nola Casey through a gift in her will to benefit graduating seniors of Mason High School.

Excellence Challenge:
Capitol Hill High School Scholarship

In 2000, after establishing the Capitol Hill High School Scholarship at the Community Foundation, John E. Orr issued a challenge to his fellow alumni: For every dollar they contributed to the fund, he would match it. By 2002, they were awarding scholarships and their passion for students only grew as they saw the impact they had on students’ futures. Today, the scholarship not only supports new students, it keeps supporting past recipients in their continued pursuit of education.

“Being from a low-income family and the first in my family to graduate high school, I never thought I could graduate college. This scholarship doesn’t seem like much to some people, but it can really make a difference.”

— Maria Valles
Capitol Hill High School Scholarship Recipient, 2018–2020
and Jacqueline Cook Scholarship Recipient, 2021
A Legacy of Learning: Betty Ruth Estes Memorial Scholarship Fund

Growing up the youngest of eight children in Altus, Oklahoma, Betty Estes often found herself in competition with her siblings – from bridge tournaments to never-ending Scrabble games. This drove her to become one of six valedictorians at her high school and win many state competitions in geometry and speech.

Her academic excellence continued in college where she was recognized as the outstanding student in mathematics and physics at the University of Oklahoma. Upon graduation, she became a teacher, sharing her knowledge and love of learning with her students, and later her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She passed away in 2021 and left behind a legacy of learning.

After her death in 2021, her family honored her memory with the Betty Ruth Estes Memorial Scholarship for Altus High School graduates.

Charles Cash and Jackie Jones Scholarship for Southeast High School Graduates | 2021*
The scholarship was established by Charles Cash and Jackie Jones, 1963 graduates of Southeast High School, to establish a scholarship program for the benefit of one male and one female student each year pursuing studies in any of the STEM disciplines.

Central High School Alumni Association Scholarship | 1996
The scholarship was established by Central High School alumni and awards are made through our Community Foundation Scholars program.

Central Oklahoma ASHRAE Scholarship | 2012
The scholarship was established by the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers. Awards benefit students enrolled in an Oklahoma college and pursuing an engineering degree related to the heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration industry.

Lonnie & Nancy Childress Scholarship at Oklahoma Panhandle State University | 2015
The scholarship was established by Guymon resident and Oklahoma Panhandle State University alumnus Lonnie Childress and his wife, Nancy. Awards benefit Guymon High School graduates or incoming freshmen at Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

Kimberly Kay Clark Memorial Scholarship – Naval Reserve Association | 1995
The scholarship was established by the Naval Reserve Association in memory of Kimberly Kay Clark, a U.S. Navy Reserve officer who was killed in the 1995 bombing of the Murrah Federal Building. Awards benefit enlisted Naval Reservists who are pursuing a college degree.

Classen ’55 Scholars Fund | 1998
The fund was established by the Classen High School class of 1955 and other donors. Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors of Classen School of Advanced Studies at Northeast High School.

Classen Awards Foundation | 1998
Originated by Anton H. Classen in 1926, the fund was transferred to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation in 1998. The faculty-nominated awards benefit graduating seniors of Classen School of Advanced Studies at Northeast High School and Northwest Classen High School.

Classen Class of 1945 Scholarship | 2006
The scholarship was established by the Classen High School class of 1945 to benefit graduating seniors of Classen School of Advanced Studies at Northeast High School who demonstrate leadership and participate in extracurricular activities.

Classen Class of 1954 Scholarship | 2009
The scholarship was established by the Classen High School class of 1954 to benefit graduating seniors of Classen School of Advanced Studies at Northeast High School who are nominated by school faculty.

Classen High School Alumni Association Scholarship | 2012
The scholarship was established by the Classen High School Alumni Association to benefit graduating seniors of Classen School of Advanced Studies at Northeast High School.

Ralph Clinton Scholarship – Sales & Marketing Executives | 1985
The scholarship was established by the Sales and Marketing Executives organization in honor of past president Ralph Clinton. Awards benefit enrolled college students pursuing a sales or marketing degree.

James D. & LaVerna L. Cobb Scholarship for the OSU School of Civil and Environmental Engineering | 2009
The scholarship was established by James and LaVerna Cobb to benefit undergraduate students who are enrolled in the OSU School of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Commander Family Scholarship | 2004
The scholarship was established by family in memory of A.C. Commander to benefit a graduating high school senior from central Oklahoma.

Jacqueline B. Cook Scholarship | 2020*
The scholarship was established by an estate gift from Ms. Cook to benefit students who have participated in or volunteered with the Cavett Kids summer camp programs.

Brad R. Corbett Memorial Academic Trust | 2000
The fund was established by family and friends in memory of Brad Corbett to support academic competition teams at Edmond Memorial High School.

Cravin’ Flight Scholarship in Honor of Lt. Col. Matt Kincade | 2020*
This scholarship was established in 2020 by Lt. Col. Matt Kincade’s wife, Gina Kincade, to honor his legacy through aviation scholarships.

Jean Hawley Curtis Scholarship | 2004
The scholarship was established by the Metropolitan Healthcare Association in memory of longtime advocate Jean Hawley Curtis. Awards benefit individuals working in long-term health care who are pursuing a nursing license.
Harley Custer Memorial Scholarship | 1991
The scholarship was established by friends and family of Oklahoma Livestock Marketing Association executive Harley Custer. Awards benefit participants in the Oklahoma Youth Expo 4-H and FFA junior livestock show.

Custom Dental Cares Scholarship Fund | 2020*
The scholarship was established by Dr. Kelly and Jan Brown to encourage dependents of Custom Dental employees to pursue higher education.

DANA Corporation Scholarship | 1988
The scholarship was originally established by the DANA Corporation to benefit dependents of employees at its Oklahoma City manufacturing plant. Since the facility’s closure in 2015, the fund continues to support scholarships for local students.

Do Unto Others Scholarship | 2021*
The scholarship was established by the Sherrer Family to assist Oklahoma high school seniors to pursue post-secondary educational opportunities.

Dortha Dever Business Scholarship – Oklahoma City University | 2007
The scholarship was established by Dortha Dever to benefit female students in their third or fourth year at Oklahoma City University who are pursuing a degree in finance, accounting, management or economics within the Meinders School of Business.

Douglass High School Class of 1967 Scholarship | 2009
The scholarship was established by members of the class of 1967 to benefit graduating seniors from Douglass High School.

William Charles Dungan Scholarship | 2021*
This scholarship was established in 2021 to assist Oklahoma high school seniors to pursue degree programs at Oklahoma State University.

Durant Community Scholarship | 2004
The scholarship was established by an anonymous donor to benefit graduating seniors of Durant High School.

Durrell Public Law Research Award | 2010
The fund was established by Roderick and Julia Durrell to support an award for a student at the University of Oklahoma College of Law, the Institute for the American Constitutional Heritage at the University of Oklahoma or the Oklahoma City University School of Law.

Embassy of Korea | 2017
Originally established by John Kirkpatrick, who served as Oklahoma’s honorary consul to Korea, the fund now supports scholarships for Asian students through our Community Foundation Scholars program.

Epperson Family Memorial Scholarship Fund | 2019
The scholarship was established by the Epperson family to benefit Harding Charter Preparatory High School graduating seniors.

Betty Ruth Estes Memorial Scholarship | 2021*
The scholarship was established by the Estes Family to honor Betty Ruth Estes through scholarship opportunities to Altus High School graduates.

Everett Foundation Scholarships | 1993
The scholarships were established by Dr. Mark A. Everett, a longtime physician and professor at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. More than 20 awards annually benefit students studying medicine, the performing arts, visual arts and English at various schools.

Mark Allen Everett Graduate Fellowship in String Performance University of Oklahoma School of Music | 2008
The fund was established by friends and colleagues in memory of Dr. Everett and supports a fellowship for a graduate student studying string performance at the University of Oklahoma School of Music.

Extreme Aquatic Swim Team Scholarship | 2018
The scholarship benefits graduating seniors who participated in competitive swimming during high school.

Barbara Fagin Spirit of Volunteerism Award | 1994
The fund was established by Christmas Connection, an Oklahoma City nonprofit now known as Sharing Tree, in memory of the organization’s founder Barbara Fagin. Awards benefit charitable organizations designated by an outstanding volunteer who is selected by Sharing Tree.

Brunel D. Faris Art Exploration Scholarship – Oklahoma City University | 2008
The scholarship was established by Christiane Faris through memorial gifts in honor of her late husband, Brunel Faris, who was a longtime art professor and artist. Awards benefit students studying visual arts at Oklahoma City University.

John Meacham Fogg Memorial Scholarship | 2017
The scholarship was established by the family of John Meacham Fogg in appreciation of the care he received at the end of his life. Awards benefit nursing students at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and Oklahoma City University.

Karen Sue Freeman Memorial Scholarship | 2012
The scholarship was established by the family of Karen Sue Freeman to benefit female varsity athletes at Shawnee High School.

Irene P. & Samuel F. Frierson Educational Trust | 1997
The Frierson Educational Trust was established through gifts from the estate of Dr. and Mrs. Frierson. Former Community Foundation Scholars and New Opportunities Scholars are invited to apply in their second, third and fourth year following high school graduation.

Friends of Kim Jones-Shelton Scholarship | 1999
The scholarship was established by friends and family in honor of Oklahoma City civic leader Kim Jones-Shelton to benefit graduating seniors from central Oklahoma.

Fulmer Trombone and Musicians Scholarship | 2014
The scholarship was established by longtime Oklahoma City University music instructor Fred Fulmer and his wife, Ann. Awards benefit graduating high school seniors in central Oklahoma who have participated in band and will be involved in the orchestra or band during their freshman year of college.

Sybil Irene Gabbard Scholarship | 2012
The scholarship was established by family in memory of Sybil Irene Gabbard to benefit students who graduated high school while in the care of the Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children.

Wauhillau Austin Gale Memorial Scholarship | 2006
The scholarship was established by family and friends in memory of longtime Purcell High School art teacher Wauhillau Austin Gale to benefit graduating seniors of Purcell High School.

Ema Garcia Memorial Scholarship | 1994
The scholarship was established by Fred Jones Industries in memory of longtime employee Emilia Garcia. Awards are made through our Oklahoma Youth with Promise Scholars Program to benefit students formerly in Oklahoma's foster care system.

Garner-Stocker Foundation Scholarship | 2013
The scholarship was established by the Garner-Stocker Foundation to benefit employees and vendors of Taco Mayo franchises and their dependents.
Edward King Gaylord Scholarship | 1970
The first scholarship endowment at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, the fund was established by Mr. Gaylord before his death and later funded through a gift from his estate. Awards are made through our Trustee Scholarship Initiative.

Elsie Mae “Nat” Glosemeyer Scholarship | 1998
The scholarship was established by Mrs. Glosemeyer’s friends and family to benefit graduates or GED recipients from designated high schools in eastern Oklahoma County.

Freda Poole Grayson Scholarship | 1997
The scholarship was established by family in honor of longtime Midwest City teacher Freda Poole Grayson to benefit graduating seniors of Midwest City High School.

Greater Oklahoma City Alumnae Panhellenic Foundation Scholarship | 2013
The scholarship was established by the Greater Oklahoma City Alumnae Panhellenic Foundation to benefit female graduating seniors from Oklahoma City area high schools.

Virgil & Pauline Jackson Scholarship
Virgil and Pauline Jackson may not have had children of their own, but their love and devotion for young people were abounding. As a longtime educator, Pauline channeled this passion into her teaching, impacting the lives of children throughout the state.

In 2001, Pauline honored her husband’s memory with the Virgil and Pauline Jackson Scholarship for Langston University, which helps support students majoring in education at Langston University.

To date, the scholarship has awarded more than $42,000 to help ten current and prior Langston University students achieve their academic goals. Students like Rodney Rollerson who said, “I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to receive this scholarship. I am currently a health, physical education and recreation major. I am thankful for Mr. and Mrs. Jackson’s investment in my education, and my future, so I can in turn educate others.”

Elaine Hahn Memorial Business Scholarship | 2019
The scholarship was established by Elaine’s sister, Kathy Hahn, to benefit central Oklahoma graduating female high school seniors who will be the first in their family to attend college and are planning to pursue a business degree at an Oklahoma college or university.

Elaine Hahn Memorial Business Scholarship for Upperclassmen | 2020*
This scholarship was established in 2020 by Elaine’s sister, Kathy Hahn, for upper class business students in the state of Oklahoma.

Karen Hampton Memorial Scholarship | 2016
The scholarship was established by family in memory of Karen Hampton to benefit graduating high school seniors from eastern Oklahoma.

Harding Fine Arts Academy Scholarship Fund (Harding High School Alumni Association) | 2019
The scholarship was established by the Harding High School Alumni Association to benefit Harding Fine Arts Academy graduating seniors.

Harding Charter Preparatory High School Scholarship Fund (Harding High School Alumni Association) | 2019
The scholarship was established by the Harding High School Alumni Association to benefit Harding Charter Preparatory High School graduating seniors.

Harris Harding Scholarship | 2013
The scholarship was established by the Harris Foundation to benefit graduating seniors from Harding Charter Preparatory School.

Mary Louise Hartpence Scholarship | 2014
The scholarship was established through a gift from the estate of Mary Louise Hartpence to benefit students formerly in Oklahoma’s foster care system.

Geneva Hood Award – Casady School | 1999
The award was established by Dr. and Mrs. J. William Hood in memory of Dr. Hood’s mother, Geneva, who was a longtime teacher. Annual awards benefit a Casady School faculty member who is selected by their peers and best exemplifies the commitment and enthusiasm necessary to be an outstanding teacher.

Philip F. Horning OKCPS College Scholarship | 2020*
This fund was established by Philip’s friends and family to provide college financial support to a deserving Oklahoma City School District graduating senior through the Community Foundation Scholars program.

Jonas & Mary Beatrice House Scholarship | 2009
The scholarship was established by family in memory of Mr. and Mrs. House to benefit black graduating seniors of Douglass High School.

G. Ed Hudgins Scholarship – OSU College of Engineering | 1989
The scholarship was established by longtime Oklahoma City architect G. Ed Hudgins to benefit a fourth-year architectural design student and a fourth-year architectural engineering student at Oklahoma State University.

Hudiburg Family Fund Scholarships | 2005
The scholarships were established by the Hudiburg family to benefit graduating seniors in the Mid-Del Public School System.

Rodney Rollerson Scholarship Recipient
Geneva Johnston Hudson Scholarship | 2014
The scholarship was established by family in memory of Edmond Public
School teacher Geneva Johnston Hudson. Awards benefit members of
the Kappa Kappa Iota organization for professional educators who are
pursuing a degree in education at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Khader K. Hussein Awards in Palliative Care | 1999
The awards were established by the Hospice Foundation of Oklahoma
in honor of Dr. Hussein’s service to benefit students graduating from
Oklahoma City University Kramer School of Nursing, University of Central
Oklahoma Department of Nursing, Southern Nazarene University School of
Nursing and the University of Oklahoma College of Nursing. In addition, an
annual award is made to a medical student graduating from the University
of Oklahoma College of Medicine.

Hutchinson Scholarships | 2010
Established by the Hutchinson family, scholarships benefit graduating
high school seniors in specific counties of western Oklahoma and southern
Kansas, as well as Hutchinson Oil Company or Hutch C Store employees and
their dependents.

IBEW Local 444 Scholarship | 2021*
This scholarship fund was established to support members and family
members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local
Union #444.

Ironworkers Local 584 Harvey A. Swift
Scholarship | 2002
The scholarship was established by the Ironworkers Local 584 trade
association and is named in honor of the group’s longtime business
manager, Harvey A. Swift. Awards benefit graduating high school seniors
whose parents or grandparents are members of the association.

Virgil & Pauline Jackson Scholarship | 1998
The scholarship was established by Mrs. Jackson in memory of her husband
to benefit students at Langston University.

Dennis James Scholarship – Deer Creek
Baseball | 2007
The scholarship was established by family and friends in memory of Dennis
James, a supporter of the Deer Creek baseball program. Awards benefit
Deer Creek High School graduating seniors who have played baseball at
the school.

Miles Jenkins Memorial Scholarship | 2009
The scholarship was established by friends and family in memory of Deer
Creek teacher Miles Jenkins. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Deer
Creek High School.

Kay Jewell Scholarship | 2005
The scholarship was established to honor the 2004 Putnam City High
School Teacher of the Year, Kay Jewell. Awards benefit Putnam City High
School graduating seniors with a specific Individual Education Plan (IEP).

William M. & Janet S. Johnson Scholarship | 1987
The scholarship was established through gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Johnson’s
estate to benefit graduating seniors of Minco High School, as well as the
Oklahoma City Community Foundation’s Nurse Education Program.

Jones High School Scholarship | 2000
The scholarship was established by community volunteers to benefit
graduating seniors of Jones High School.

Dorothy Detrick Kendall Piano Scholarship Award –
University of Oklahoma School of Music | 1995
The scholarship was established by family in memory of Dorothy Detrick
Kendall, a classically-trained pianist who played beautifully by ear and
provided a lifetime of musical pleasure for family and friends. Awards
benefit faculty-nominated students attending the University of Oklahoma
School of Music.

Hope and Opportunity: The Jacqueline Cook Scholarship Fund

As a social worker and special education teacher, Jacqueline Cook knew the importance of hope and
opportunity—especially in the lives of children.

That’s why she created a fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to support Cavett
Kids Foundation, a local charity that provides free camps and programs for children with life-
threatening and chronic illnesses.

Jacqueline’s generosity has benefitted hundreds of children across the metro, providing hope and
support to those who need it most. And now, that same generosity is providing opportunities
to the next generation thanks to the Jacqueline Cook Scholarship Fund, established by a gift from
Jacqueline’s estate.

The scholarship benefits students who have participated or volunteered in Cavett Kids’
summer camp programs. Each year, two $4,000 scholarships are awarded to help fund educational
opportunities for students like Takia Vaughn.

“I’ve learned so much about how to be a leader, cope with my illness on a day-to-day basis, build
character and not allow my illness to define me,” said Takia.

Indeed, scholarships can change the course of a life and open up new opportunities that were
once unavailable or unthinkable, particularly for students who face great obstacles and hurdles
along the way. Jacqueline’s support of Cavett Kids provides hope today and opportunity tomorrow,
creating a community where illness doesn’t define a child or their potential.
Lessons from Life: Diana and Larry Brown Family Education Scholarship Fund

“What is it about prosperity that seems to lead to corruption? Many great nations have accumulated riches and power, only to crumble into vice, economic inequity and social injustice. The prophet Amos is living during such a time in the nation of Israel. He speaks out against those who made themselves powerful at the expense of the poor, and he urges the nation to return to justice. Amos delivers a timeless message of social justice we would do well to heed and to respond to with compassionate hearts,” — President Jimmy Carter, “Lessons from Life” Bible.

Inspired by former President Jimmy Carter’s “Lessons from Life” Bible, Diana and Larry Brown set out to make a difference the best way they knew how—using education. Through the Diana and Larry Brown Family Education Scholarship Fund, they are helping to provide a path toward economic equality and social justice for graduating seniors from Chickasha High School.

With these opportunities for racial or ethnic minority students who are the first in their families to attend college, the Brown Family is calling on their compassionate hearts to create opportunities through affirmative action and commitment to open doors that have been closed far too long.
James Anderson Logan Jr. and Betty Ann McFarland Logan Scholarship Fund | 2019
The scholarship was established by the Logan family to benefit single parents from Oklahoma.

Learning with Love’s Scholarship | 2009
The scholarship was established by the Love family to honor the entrepreneurial spirit and unending quest for learning exemplified by Tom and Judy Love. Awards benefit employees of Love’s Travel Stops and Country Stores and their dependents.

Malzahn Family Fund – Noble County Scholarship | 2019
The scholarship was created to encourage Noble County students to pursue higher education without financial burden.

Malzahn Family Fund – Noble County Vocational Technical Education Scholarship | 2019
The scholarship was created to encourage Noble County students to pursue higher education without financial burden.

Tommy & Jackie Maxon Scholarship | 2014
The scholarship was established by the Maxon family in memory of Tommy and Jackie to benefit graduating seniors of Cashion High School.

Darin McBride Memorial Scholarship | 2019
The scholarship was established by Darin McBride’s family and friends to benefit Oklahoma high school graduating seniors who participated in little league, junior or high school football and plan to attend the University of Oklahoma.

Charles B. McCauley Community Foundation Scholars Award | 2014
The fund was established in memory of longtime public education advocate Charles B. McCauley to support awards for graduating high school seniors who plan to pursue a degree in education. Scholarships are awarded through our Community Foundation Scholars program.

June Mitchell McCharen Scholarship | 2010
The scholarship was established by family in memory of Mrs. McCharen to benefit graduating seniors of Harding Charter Preparatory High School who are nominated by school faculty for their persistence amid challenging circumstances.

McGee Foundation Scholarship Fund | 2006
The scholarship fund was established by the McGee Foundation, a private foundation created by one of our original Trustees Dean McGee. Awards are made through our Trustee Scholarship Initiative to benefit students formerly in Oklahoma’s foster care system and students who will be the first in their family to attend college.

Janet McNutt Harding High School Music Scholarship | 2017
The scholarship was established by Harding High School alumna Janet McNutt to benefit graduating seniors from Harding High School who are pursuing a degree in music, education or music education.

Gene & Sylvia McPherson Agricultural Scholarship | 2018
The scholarship was established in memory of Gene and Sylvia McPherson to benefit graduating seniors of Washington High School who participate in FFA.

Benny McReynolds Memorial Scholarship | 2010
The scholarship was established through a gift from Mr. McReynolds’ estate to benefit graduating seniors from Frederick High School.

Melton Art Scholarship | 2018
The fund was established by the Melton Art Reference Library to benefit art students pursuing a degree in higher education.

Ruth Mershon Scholarship | 2006
The scholarship was established through a gift from the estate of longtime physician Ruth Mershon. Awards benefit graduating seniors in central Oklahoma who are identified through our Trustee Scholarship Initiative and demonstrate exceptional academic performance.

Barbara J. Messenbaugh Strings Music Scholarship | 2018
The scholarship was established by longtime violinist Barbara Messenbaugh to benefit students pursuing a master’s degree of music in strings at the University of Oklahoma.

Charles C. & Mary Lou Miles Scholarship | 2007
The scholarship was established by family in honor of longtime educators Charles and Mary Lou Miles to benefit graduating seniors in central Oklahoma.

Pam Ivester Millington Scholarship Fund | 2020*
The scholarship was established through a planned gift in honor of The Club at Crossings, a ministry of Crossings Community Church.

Michael Neal Minter Sr. Scholarship | 2009
The scholarship was established by friends and family in memory of Mr. Minter to benefit graduating seniors of Capitol Hill, Classen School of Advanced Studies at Northeast, Choctaw, Douglass, Star Spencer or Millwood.

Richard Moesel Scholarship | 2003
The scholarship was established by family in honor of Richard and Marjorie Moesel’s contributions in establishing the horticulture technologies program at Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City (OSU-OKC). Awards benefit students pursuing a degree in horticulture technologies at OSU-OKC.

Dr. Gary M. Moore Dance & Arts Management Scholarship | 1999
The scholarship was established by Oklahoma City University alumnus Dr. Gary Moore to benefit students studying dance or arts management at the school.

Dr. Gary M. Moore Great Plan Scholarship | 2007
The scholarship was initially established by Dr. Moore and later funded through a gift from his estate to benefit students with financial need attending Oklahoma City University Petree College of Arts and Sciences.

Rick Nagel Family Scholarship for the Boys and Girls Club | 2017
The scholarship was established by Rick Nagel and family to benefit graduating high school seniors who participated in the Boys & Girls Clubs of Oklahoma County.

Mittie R. Nickles Scholarship | 2017
The scholarship was established by Ms. Nickles, a Tipton, Oklahoma native, through a gift in her will to benefit graduating seniors from rural Oklahoma high schools pursuing a degree in accounting.

Northwest Classen High School Class of 1956 Scholarship | 2007
The scholarship was established by Northwest Classen High School class of 1956 alumni and is awarded to a graduating senior of the school through our Community Foundation Scholars program.
Angela O’Bar Scholarship | 2020*
This scholarship was established by an estate gift from Angela O’Bar to support our Oklahoma Youth with Promise Scholarship.

P.B. Odom III Family Scholarship | 2017
The scholarship was established by south Oklahoma City developer P.B. Odom III, his wife, Beth and their family. Awards benefit graduating high school seniors from south Oklahoma City or Moore public schools, as well as individuals age 45 or younger who live south of Interstate 40 within Oklahoma City or Moore city limits.

OGE Positive Energy Scholarship | 2018
The scholarship was established by OGE Energy Corp. to benefit graduating high school seniors in the OGE service area.

Oklahoma Academy of Physicians Assistants Scholarship | 2015
The scholarship was established by the organization to benefit second-year students enrolled in an accredited Oklahoma physician assistants program.

Oklahoma Association for the Education of Young Children Scholarship | 2002
The scholarship was established by the association to benefit individuals working in early childhood care or family services who are pursuing a degree in early childhood education or child development/family studies.

Oklahoma City All Sports Association Scholarship Fund | 2019
The scholarship was established by the Oklahoma City All Sports Association to benefit students graduating from greater Oklahoma City metropolitan area and Tri-City high schools who have participated in high school athletics and plan to attend a college or university in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma City Downtown Lions Club Gus Gudmunson Scholarship | 2020*
The fund was established by the Oklahoma City Downtown Lions Club. Scholarships benefit graduating high school seniors from specific Oklahoma City metro area high schools.

Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club Scholarship | 2022*
This scholarship was established to assist Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club Scholarship employees and employee dependents with their educational goals.

Oklahoma City Northwest Lions Club Scholarship | 2005
The scholarship was established by the OKC Northwest Lions Club to benefit seniors from Putnam City, Bethany, John Marshall and Deer Creek public high schools.

Oklahoma City University – Richard Kells Memorial Scholarship | 2010
The scholarship was established by Oklahoma City tax attorney and CPA Rick Kells through a gift in his will. Awards benefit graduate students attending the Oklahoma City University School of Law.

Oklahoma City University – Shceed Law School Scholarship | 2018
The scholarship was established by William and Pam Shceed to benefit students attending Oklahoma City University School of Law.

Oklahoma Fire Chiefs Association – Keith Bryan Memorial Scholarship | 2014
The scholarship was established by the Oklahoma Fire Chiefs Association in memory of Nichols Hills Fire Chief Keith Bryan to support firefighter training.

Oklahoma Goodwill Industries Abilities Scholarship | 2007
The scholarship was established by Goodwill Industries of Central Oklahoma to benefit Oklahoma graduating high school seniors with disabilities.

Oklahoma State Board of Architecture Path to Licensure Scholarship | 2015
The scholarship was established by the board of governors of the Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects and Registered Interior Designers of Oklahoma. Awards benefit third-, fourth- and fifth-year students accepted to professional architecture, landscape architecture or interior design degree programs in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (OKPELS) Professionally Engineering the Future Scholarship | 2018
The scholarship was established by the Oklahoma State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (OKPELS) to benefit students entering their first professional degree program in the field of engineering or engineering technology.

Oklahoma Youth With Promise Scholarship | 1996
One of our Trustee Scholarship Initiatives, the Oklahoma Youth With Promise Scholarship was initially established through gifts from the Richard Coyle and Carolyn Berry families. Awards benefit students formerly in Oklahoma’s foster care system.

Laurene Ann Opdyke Nursing Scholarship | 2016
The scholarship was established by Richard Opdyke in memory of his wife, Laurene, to honor her 50-year nursing career. Awards benefit third- and fourth-year college students pursuing a bachelor’s degree in nursing.

Orner-Cook Scholarship | 2007
The scholarship was established by Robert and Carolyn Orner in memory of Carolyn’s mother, Gretchen Cook. Awards benefit Oklahoma graduating high school seniors pursuing study in languages, international business/economics, petroleum/geology, history, psychology or sociology.

Deborah R. & Wayne A. Parker Scholarship | 1970
The scholarship was established by Mr. Parker in memory of his wife, Deborah. Awards are made through our Community Foundation Scholars and Oklahoma Youth With Promise Scholars programs.

Patel Engineering Scholarship | 2017
The scholarship was established by Dilip and Vibha Patel to benefit Oklahoma graduating high school seniors who plan to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University or the University of Tulsa.

Patel Family Scholarship | 2019
The scholarship was established by Piyush and Lisa Patel to benefit students who participated in the Redlands Community College TRIO Upward Bound program through high school graduation.

Patel Math & Science Scholarship | 2017
The scholarship was established by Dilip and Vibha Patel to benefit Oklahoma graduating high school seniors who plan to pursue a degree in math or science from the University of Oklahoma or Oklahoma State University.

Sen. Homer Paul Memorial Scholarship for Pauls Valley High School | 2006
The scholarship was established by family in honor of Oklahoma State Senator Homer Paul. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Pauls Valley High School who will attend any four-year university or college—public or private—located in the state of Oklahoma.

Almeda Kinch Pfleeger Scholarship | 2015
The scholarship was established by Depew High School alumna Almeda Pfleeger through a gift of retirement assets from her estate. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Depew High School.
Removing a Barrier: 
The Catherine Connolly Champlin Buchwald Education Scholarship

Jackeline Luna grew up hearing the refrain, “Va estar bien difícil pero necesitas echarle ganas,” which translates to, “It’s going to be very difficult but you need to give it all you’ve got.”

As a first-generation high school student, Jackeline faced many barriers to her education — money, transportation, housing, health, work, family obligations, etc. But as a first-generation American, she also had to tackle a language barrier in her early academic career.

In Oklahoma, Jackeline’s story is not unique. According to a 2022 report from the Oklahoma State Department of Education, nearly 10% of public school students in Oklahoma are pulling double duty, learning English as a second language while studying the traditional curriculum creating great demand for English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers.

Fortunately, Catherine Buchwald has a passion for English language education. In 2019, she established the Catherine Connolly Champlin Buchwald Education Scholarship to help develop the next generation of ESL teachers. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to college students for whom English is not their first language pursuing a degree to teach ESL— students like Jackeline who is pursuing a degree in ESL education at the University of Oklahoma.

Thanks to Catherine’s generosity, it won’t be too long before Jackeline gets to tell her students, “It’s going to be very difficult but you need to give it all you’ve got,” and help them face the language barrier she has worked so hard to overcome.

Pilot Club Scholarship | 1985
The scholarship fund was established by the Oklahoma City affiliate of Pilot International and supports awards through our Trustee Scholarship Initiative.

Floy I. Pinkerton Vocal Music Scholarship | 2004
The scholarship was established by the Smith & Kernke Funeral Home and the Kernke family in honor of the company’s longtime soloist and secretary Floy Pinkerton. Awards benefit Oklahoma City University vocal music students who are nominated by school faculty.

Alice & Phil Pippin Eagle Scout Project Scholarship | 2014
The scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Pippin to benefit Eagle Scouts with the top Scout project in each district of the Boy Scouts of America’s Last Frontier Council.

Larry W. Roach Leadership Award | 2002
The award was established by the Benham Companies and other donors in honor of Larry Roach, a former senior vice president of the company. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Midwest City High School and Carl Albert High School.

Robyn’s Way Scholarship | 2017
Established in memory of Robyn Tiffie, the scholarship will benefit students who have been impacted by cancer or are from a single-parent home.

Frank Rodesney Scholarship for Electrical Engineering at OU | 2018
The scholarship encourages students accepted into an electrical engineering program at the University of Oklahoma to pursue education and develop a career in electrical engineering.
In life, learning and education make up the foundation. Without an education, the whole blueprint will fall apart.

Perhaps no one understood this better than Wendell Steward. A highly respected construction expert in central Oklahoma, Wendell felt strongly about encouraging individuals to pursue a degree in the construction industry. In his honor, the Southwest Homebuilders Association created the Wendell Steward Scholarship Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation in 2007.

Open to graduating seniors from Moore Public Schools, the Wendell Steward Scholarship benefits students planning to attend an academic or technological program that will lead to a career in the construction industry, including trades, management, engineering or technology. To date, the scholarship has provided thousands of dollars to students building their dreams.

And just like the houses Wendell built, there’s always room for expansion. Inspired by Wendell’s legacy, the Southwest Homebuilders Association decided to “add on” to Wendell’s charitable giving “home,” so to speak. In June 2021, they created the Southwest Homebuilders Association Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation, which will start awards to students for the first time in 2022.

Thanks to the Southwest Homebuilders Association and Wendell’s generosity, more students will have the opportunity to pursue their dreams and build their life — or maybe your next home — on a solid foundation.
Louise Rodesney Scholarship in Piano at OU | 2019*
This scholarship encourages students who are accepted into a piano degree program at the University of Oklahoma to pursue their education and develop a career in music and piano.

Jeffry Rogers Education Memorial Scholarship | 2006
The scholarship was established by family in memory of Jeffry Rogers, a U.S. Marine who was killed in Iraq in 2005. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Putnam City North High School.

Anna-Faye Rose Scholarship | 2013
The scholarship was established by Oklahoma City Community Foundation Trustees in appreciation of Anna-Faye Rose’s 18 years of service as the scholarship administrator. Awarded through our Community Foundation Scholars program, the scholarship benefits a graduating high school senior who will be the first in their family to attend college.

Mary Baker Rumsey Volunteer Award – Junior League of Oklahoma City | 1992
The award was established by Joseph Rumsey in honor of his mother, Mary Baker Rumsey, who was the first president of Junior League of Oklahoma City. Awards benefit charitable organizations designated by a Junior League member who is selected for lifetime service to the community.

St. James Catholic School Scholarships | 1998
The following funds provide tuition assistance scholarships for students attending St. James Catholic School in Oklahoma City:
• Albert & Freda Marottek Scholarship (1998) – established by Mrs. Marottek in memory of her husband, Albert.
• Lorene Sherman Memorial Scholarship (2001) – established through a gift from Lorene Sherman’s estate.
• Tracy Wilson Memorial Scholarship (1998) – established by Ken and Thala Wilson in memory of their son, Tracy.

Seay A. Sanders Jr. Scholarship | 2006
The scholarship was established in honor of longtime Townsend Elementary principal Seay Sanders to benefit graduating seniors of a Mid-Del high school who attended Townsend Elementary.

Maurine Sayre Scholarship Fund (Harding High School Alumni Association) | 2019
The scholarship was established through a gift from the Harding High School Alumni Association to benefit Harding Charter Preparatory High School graduating seniors who plan to pursue a STEM-related degree.

Harold W. Schmid Scholarship | 2015
The scholarship was established by the family of Harold Schmid to benefit students formerly in Oklahoma’s foster care system.

Jonathan R.L. Schwartz, MD Scholarship | 2020*
The scholarship was established through an estate gift from Dr. Jonathan R.L. Schwartz. Awards benefit graduating high school seniors from Casady School.

Maurice Joseph Schwartz Scholarship – OU Medical School | 2020*
The scholarship was established through an estate gift from Dr. Jonathan R.L. Schwartz. Awards benefit students attending the University of Oklahoma Medical School.

Sarah Elizabeth Schwartz – Oklahoma City University | 2020*
The scholarship was established by an estate gift from Dr. Jonathan R. L. Schwartz. Awards benefit Oklahoma City University students.

Matthew George Scott – Bronco IV Ever Scholarship | 2013
The scholarship was established by family in memory of Matthew Scott, a 2012 Mustang High School graduate who played on the Mustang Broncos basketball and baseball teams. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Mustang High School.

Mary & Spencer Sessions Teaching Award – Guthrie Public Schools | 1989
The award was established by family in memory of longtime Guthrie teacher Mary Sessions and her husband, Spencer, who served on the Guthrie Board of Education. Awards benefit outstanding teachers at Guthrie Public Schools who are selected by school faculty.

Willie Elizabeth Shipley Scholarship | 1981
The scholarship was established through a gift from Miss Shipley’s estate, and awards are made through our Oklahoma Youth with Promise Scholars Program to benefit students formerly in Oklahoma’s foster care system.

Jeanette Sias Music Scholarship for Oklahoma City University | 2014
The scholarship was established by memorial contributions from friends and family of Jeanette Sias. Awards benefit members of the Oklahoma City University chapter of the Sigma Alpha Iota music sorority.

Robert and Mendell Simmons Scholarship | 2020*
This scholarship was established to honor Robert and Mendell Simmons’ commitment and passion for higher education through Community Foundation Scholars awards.

Dorothy and Clark Sims Memorial Scholarship | 2022*
This scholarship was established by Dorothy and Clark Sims’ daughters in their honor. Awards benefit students from Stephens County with their educational goals.

Joe B. Smith Memorial Class of 1942 Scholarship | 2008
The scholarship was established through a gift from Mr. Smith’s estate to benefit graduating seniors of Stratford High School.

Nina Garner Smith Community Foundation Scholars Award Fund | 2018
The scholarship was established by family in memory of longtime educator Nina Garner Smith. Awards benefit Mount St. Mary High School graduating seniors through our Community Foundation Scholars program.

Robert V. & Ruby Mae Smith Memorial Scholarship | 1999
The scholarship was established by family in memory of Robert and Ruby Smith to benefit graduating seniors of Millwood and Oklahoma City public high schools.

Southwest Homebuilders Association Scholarship | 2021*
The Southwest Homebuilders Association Scholarship was created to encourage graduating high school seniors of Moore Public Schools to pursue higher education leading to a career in the construction industry.

Nevin & Beverly Starkey Edmond Kiwanis Club Scholarship | 2018
The award was established in honor of Nevin & Beverly Starkey to benefit graduating seniors of Edmond Memorial, Edmond North, Edmond Santa Fe, Deer Creek or Boulevard Academy who are Key Club members.

Pete & Lela Stavros Scholarship | 2002
The scholarship was established by the Stavros family and the Oklahoma State Firefighters Association (OSFA) following Pete Stavros’ retirement from the organization. Awards benefit graduating Oklahoma high school seniors whose family are OSFA members.

Horace Stevenson Scholarship | 2015
The scholarship was established by Douglass High School alumnus Horace Stevenson to benefit graduating seniors from Douglass, Capitol Hill, Millwood, Southwest or U.S. Grant high schools.
Women Helping Women: Women of the South Scholarship Fund

Formed with the goal of women helping women, Women of the South has supported graduating senior women from high schools in south Oklahoma City and Moore for more than 25 years. Over the past quarter century, they have built their program to support several students each year, and in 2019, they solidified their support of these ladies in perpetuity when they established the Women of the South Scholarship at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

“The Women of the South Scholarship has helped me financially, and has allowed me to continue to pursue my ambitions in the performing arts and communications while developing my leadership skills and acts of service.”

— Taylor Chase McArthur
Women of the South Scholarship Recipient

Wendell Steward Scholarship | 2007
The scholarship was established by the Southwest Homebuilders Association in memory of longtime director Wendell Steward. Awards benefit graduating seniors from Moore Public Schools who plan to pursue education leading to a career in the construction industry.

Michael D. and Katherine Zimmerman Storin Memorial Scholarship | 2021*
The scholarship was established in honor of the Storin Family to provide scholarships to Cashion high school seniors.

Jason Sublette Heart of a Leopard Memorial Scholarship | 2011
The scholarship was established by friends and family in memory of Lindsay High School graduate Jason Sublette. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Lindsay High School.

Survivors’ Education Fund | 1995
The fund was established following the 1995 bombing of the Murrah Federal Building to support scholarships for dependent children whose parents were killed or permanently disabled in the bombing as well as the surviving children in the federal building day care center.

Jim Thomas/Bertha Teague Scholarship | 2016
The fund was initially established in 2004 in honor of Bertha Teague by the estate of Jim Thomas, a longtime supporter of Oklahoma Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) sports. The scholarship benefits student athletes.

Roy Edward & Darlene Young Thornton Mid-Del High Schools Scholarship | 2014
The scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Thornton to benefit graduating seniors of the Mid-Del Public School System.

Troop 193 Leadership Scholarship | 2003
The scholarship was established by Scout leaders to further the ideals of scouting and to reward young men and women who excel in leadership. Awards benefit Troop 193 graduating seniors who remain active in the Scouts and Campfire organizations.

H.F. and Mary Ellen Virgin Scholarship | 2006
The scholarship was established to encourage graduating seniors from Grady County to pursue post-secondary education at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) in Chickasha.

Mary E. Watkins Scholarship | 2016
The scholarship was established by former congressman Wes Watkins in memory of his mother, Mary. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Bennington High School.

Carolyn Watson Opportunities Scholarship | 2010
The scholarship was established by longtime chair and CEO of Shamrock Bancshares, Carolyn Watson. Awards benefit graduating seniors of rural Oklahoma high schools who demonstrate exceptional ability and excel beyond the high school environment in arts and humanities, science and engineering or community leadership.

Dr. Michael L. Weber Scholarship | 2020*
This scholarship was established by his sister, Dr. Maril Weber, in 2021 to assist OU College of Medicine students.

Brian Wechsler Memorial Scholarship | 2009
The scholarship was established by family in memory of Brian Wechsler to benefit a graduating senior of Edmond Memorial, Edmond North and Edmond Santa Fe high schools who participate in extracurricular and community-based activities.

Michael J. Weiss Scholarship | 2009
The scholarship was established in memory of Michael Weiss, co-founder of the national shopping cart supplier Carts and Parts, Inc. Awards benefit employees or dependents of Carts and Parts or Othello’s, Inc.
Wellston High School Hometown Scholarship | 2021*
The scholarship was established by the Collins-Potterfield family to encourage Wellston High School graduating seniors to pursue post-secondary educational opportunities.

Western Oklahoma Building Trades Scholarship | 1997
The scholarship was established by the organization to benefit members of participating unions, their spouses and dependents.

Westmoore High School Alumni Scholarship | 2012
The scholarship was established by the Westmoore High School Alumni Association to benefit graduating seniors from the school who demonstrate outstanding community and school service.

Jeffrey Michael Wetmore Memorial Scholarship | 2021*
This scholarship was established by the Beale family to honor their son-in-law, Jeffrey Michael Wetmore.

James Whitfield Employee Scholarship | 2008
The scholarship was established by Quail Creek Golf and Country Club in honor of longtime employee James Whitfield to benefit club employees.

Dean Wild Memorial Scholarship | 2008
The scholarship was established by family in honor of longtime coach, teacher and administrator Dean Wild. Awards benefit graduating seniors of the schools where Mr. Wild taught including Putnam City West, Frederick, Hollis and Watonga high schools.

Jackson Wilhite #LoveTheKicker Memorial Scholarship | 2019*
The scholarship was established as a memorial gift by Jackson’s family and friends to benefit high school kickers wishing to further their playing careers.

Deral E. Willis Scholarship | 2000
The scholarship was established by a gift from the estate of Deral Willis, former valedictorian of Sentinel High School and longtime service member in the U.S. Army. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Sentinel High School.

James M. Wilson Scholarship | 2003
The scholarship was established by family in honor of longtime agricultural education teacher James Wilson. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Boswell High School.

Women of the South Primary Provider Scholarship | 2022*
This scholarship was established to assist women who are the sole or primary provider of their household obtain an associate degree from Oklahoma City Community College.

Women of the South Scholarship Fund | 2019
The scholarship was established by Women of the South to benefit female students graduating from high schools in Moore and south Oklahoma City.

Amber Fawn Wooton-Clark Memorial Scholarship | 2019
The scholarship was established in 2019 by Woodward High School classmates of Amber Fawn Wooton-Clark. Awards benefit graduating seniors from Woodward High School.

Kang Yang Memorial Scholarship | 2016
The scholarship was established by the North Oklahoma Chapter of the American Chemical Society to honor the memory of scientist Kang Yang, who lived and worked in Ponca City, Oklahoma. The award benefits graduating seniors from Ponca City High School pursuing studies in chemistry, biology, physics or mathematics.

Mildred & William Young Scholarship | 2007
The scholarship was established by the Mahone Family Foundation in honor of their family friends, Mildred and William Young. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Hobart High School.

Dan Zanowiak Memorial Scholarship | 2007
The scholarship was established by family in honor of mathematics teacher Dan Zanowiak. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Edmond Santa Fe High School who plan to pursue an area of study with a focus on quantitative analysis.

Guy G. & Ginger S. Zimmerman OU Scholarship | 2008
The scholarship was established by Ginger in honor of her late husband, Lt. Col. Guy Zimmerman, who was a U.S. Army veteran, high school teacher and graduate of the University of Oklahoma. Awards benefit graduating high school seniors attending the University of Oklahoma.

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Trustee Scholarship Initiative

In addition to the scholarships established by individual donors, our Trustee Scholarship Initiative has encouraged Oklahoma students to attend college since 1998 through the following programs:

**Community Foundation Scholars**
2021-22 Academic Year: 96 students received $3,000 awards.
Awards an underserved segment of college-bound students who are active in their schools and communities with a GPA between 3.25 and 3.79.

**New Opportunities Scholars**
2021-22 Academic Year: 54 students received $3,000 awards.
Helps students become the first in their family to pursue a college education. Students apply as high school juniors and complete a series of college preparatory activities.

**Oklahoma Youth With Promise**
2021-22 Academic Year: 33 students received awards up to $5,000.
Awards scholarships to students who graduate high school while in Oklahoma’s foster care system.

**Nurse Education Program**
2021-22 Academic Year: 16 students received $2,000 awards.
Awards scholarships to third- and fourth-year nursing students and practicing registered nurses pursuing a nursing-related bachelor’s degree.

**Central Oklahoma High School Counselor Network**
Provides free continuing education workshops and college campus visits to guidance counselors at 54 central Oklahoma high schools and ensures each participating school is eligible for Community Foundation and New Opportunity Scholars awards.

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Honoring Past Trustees

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Trustee Commitment: Oscar Jackson
Dedicated His Career to Serving Students and Community

Any given day, you might see Oscar Jackson strolling on the campus of his alma mater and the organization that gave him his first job out of college, the University of Oklahoma. For years, he has been an active leader in the community and helped lead the OU National Black Alumni Society, but perhaps his greatest passion has been for students in our state. But his life didn’t always have that trajectory.

“During my senior year at Central High School in Oklahoma City, I was encouraged by my high school counselor to consider going to college, but frankly had not given it serious consideration before. No one in my family had attended college,” Oscar said.

Oscar’s college experience helped launch him into a career helping others in our state. He began his career in human resources, culminating in his appointment as Oklahoma’s secretary of human resources and administration by Gov. David Walters in 1991. He was subsequently reappointed by three more governors: Gov. Frank Keating (1995), Gov. Brad Henry (2003) and Gov. Mary Fallin (2011), becoming one of Oklahoma’s most tenured and valued public servants. After 41 years of public service, he retired in November 2011—but he continues to serve the community.

As a Trustee at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation from 2010 to 2019, Oscar’s leadership had a profound impact, particularly for the OCCF scholarships program. In addition to his service to the board, he chaired the Trustee Scholarship Initiative Committee and sat on the Oklahoma Youth With Promise Committee for seven of those years. Oscar remains active with the Community Foundation’s scholarship program as a committee member, donor and fund representative for the Central High School Alumni Association Scholarship, which has awarded more than $212,000 to students in central Oklahoma.

“It take great pleasure in personally presenting scholarship awards at high school award ceremonies,” Oscar said. “But the highlight of my year of involvement with OCCF has always been the OCCF Spring Scholarship Luncheons. There, we have an opportunity to visit with the students and listen to their thoughts about pursuing their higher education goals and objectives and express how significant receiving the scholarship is to them and their families.”
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