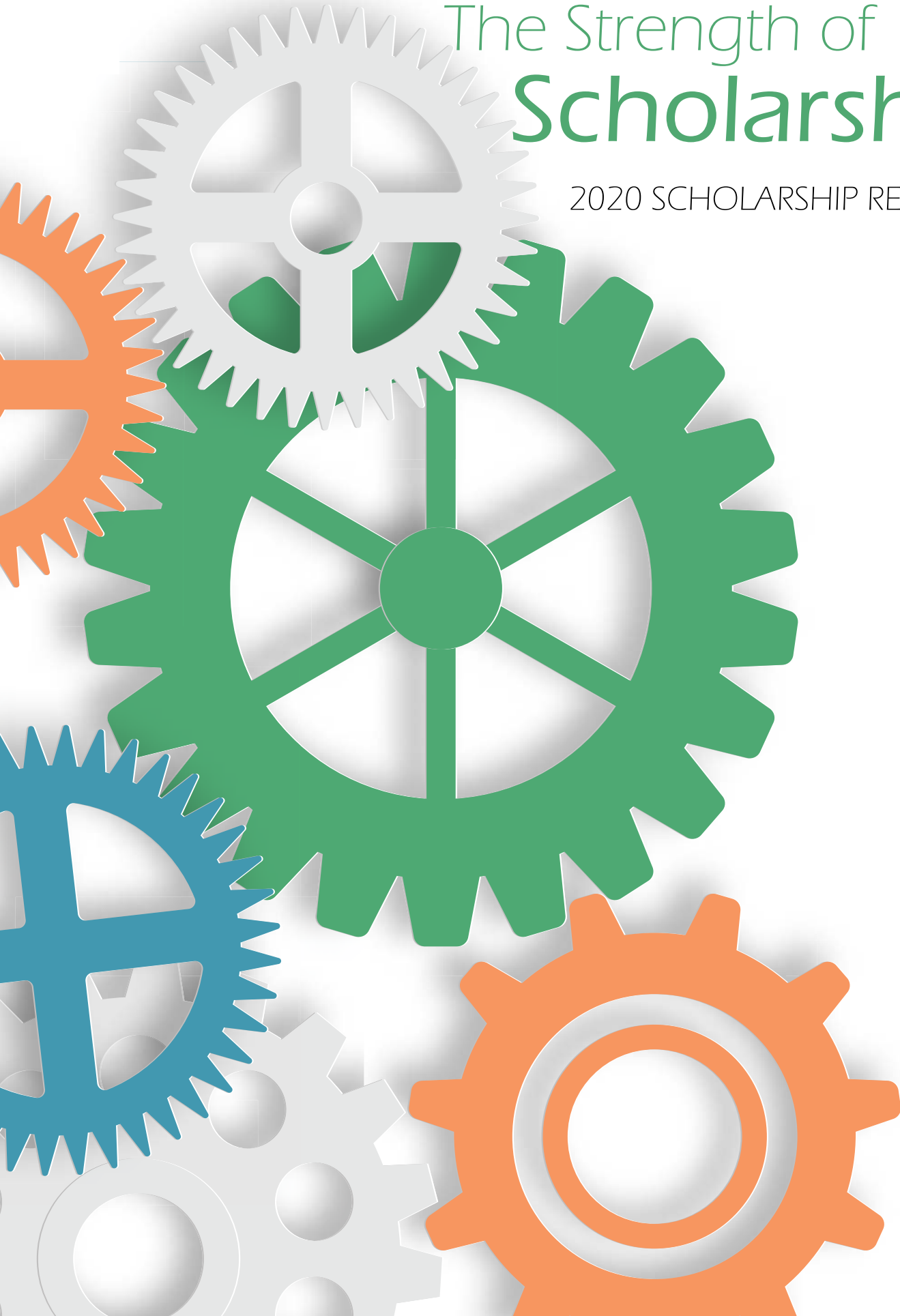




OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Strength of Scholarships

2020 SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW





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 \$2.5 million to nearly 800 students throughout the state of Oklahoma each year.

In the 2019-20 Academic Year

799 Total Students Received Scholarships

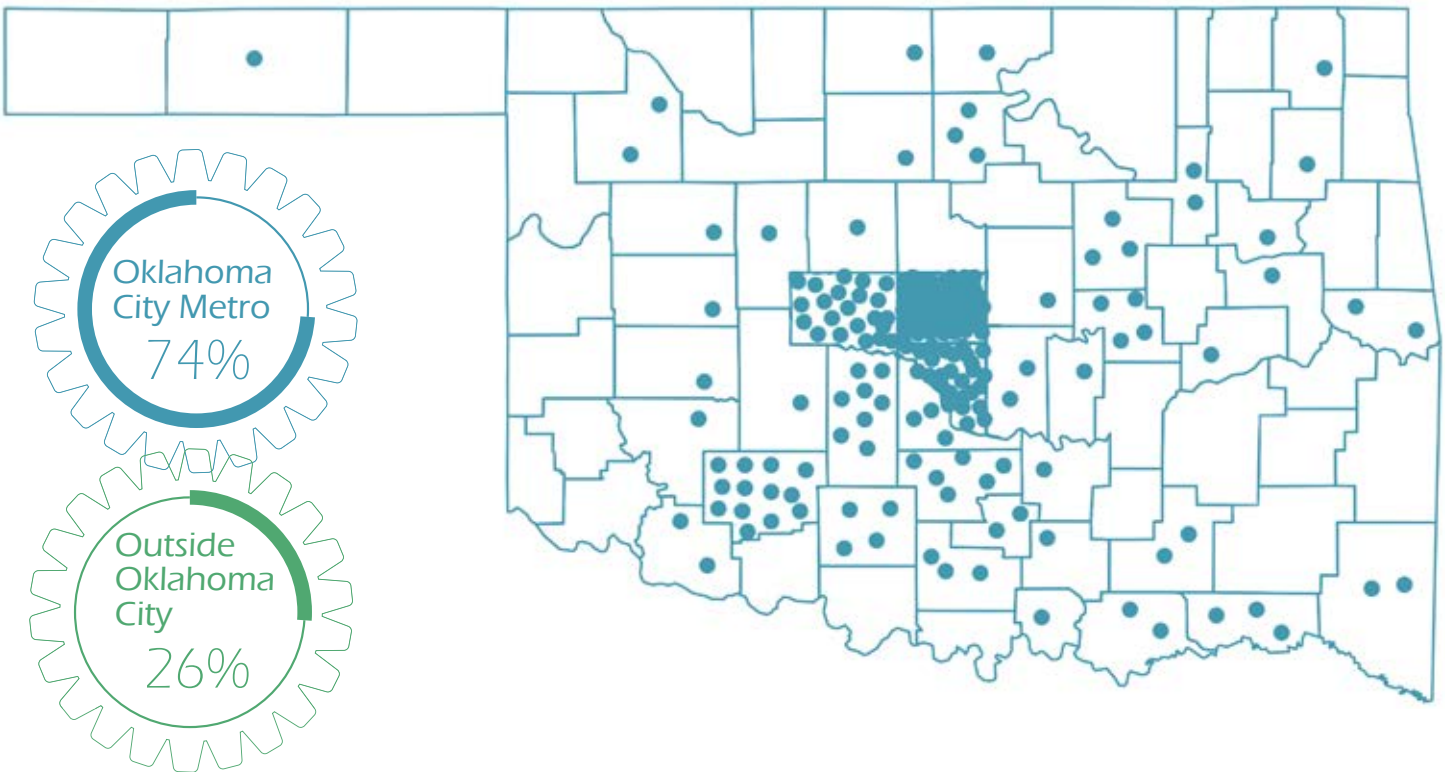
High School Graduating Seniors **51%**

Largest Award: **\$20,000**

Students Already in College **49%**

Average Award **\$3,200**

Where Do Our High School Scholarship Recipients Live?



Where Do Our Scholarship Recipients Attend or Plan on Attending College?

University of Oklahoma 28%

Oklahoma State University 17%

University of Central Oklahoma 13%

Other/Not Listed 8%

Out of State 8%

Oklahoma City University 5%

Oklahoma City Community College 5%

OSU-OKC 3%

Southwestern Oklahoma State 3%

Oklahoma Christian University 2%

Langston University 2%

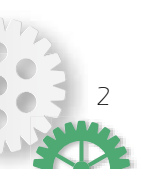
Cameron University 2%

Rose State College 1%

OU Health Science Center 1%

Southern Nazarene University 1%

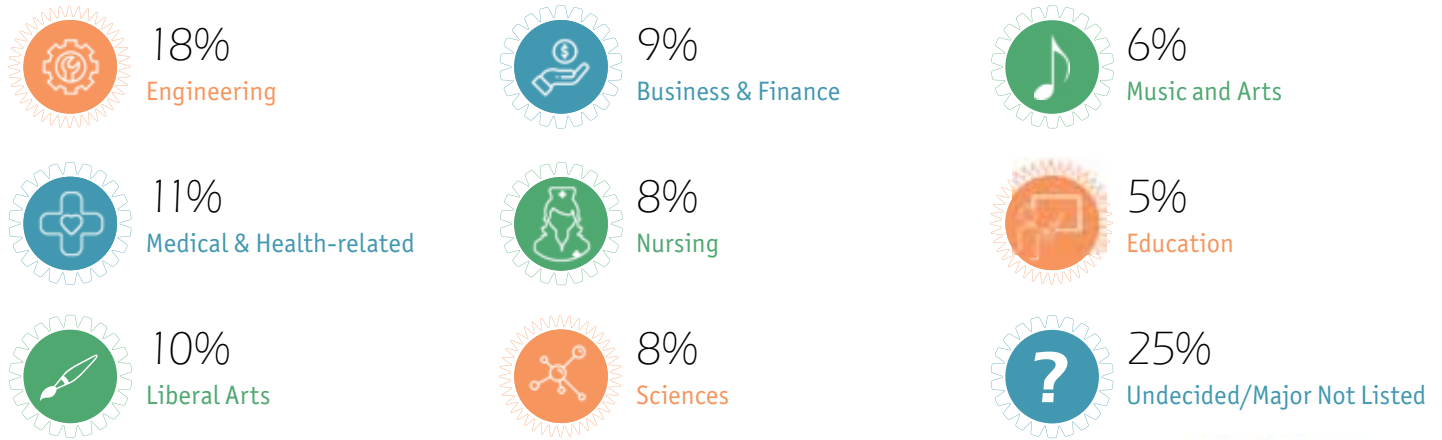
Redlands Community College 1%



by the Numbers

* Statistics from our 2019 scholarship recipients.

What Are Our Scholarship Recipients Studying?



Our Scholarship Staff

Contact us at any time. We would love to hear from you!



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Bringing Dreams to Life

Piyush Patel is known for bringing animation to life. The Oklahoma State graduate's company, Digital Tutors, was a world leader in digital animation online training, helping studios like Pixar and Dreamworks breathe life into their characters. Patel sold the company in 2014, and now he and his wife, Lisa, focus on bringing dreams to life for students with similar beginnings.

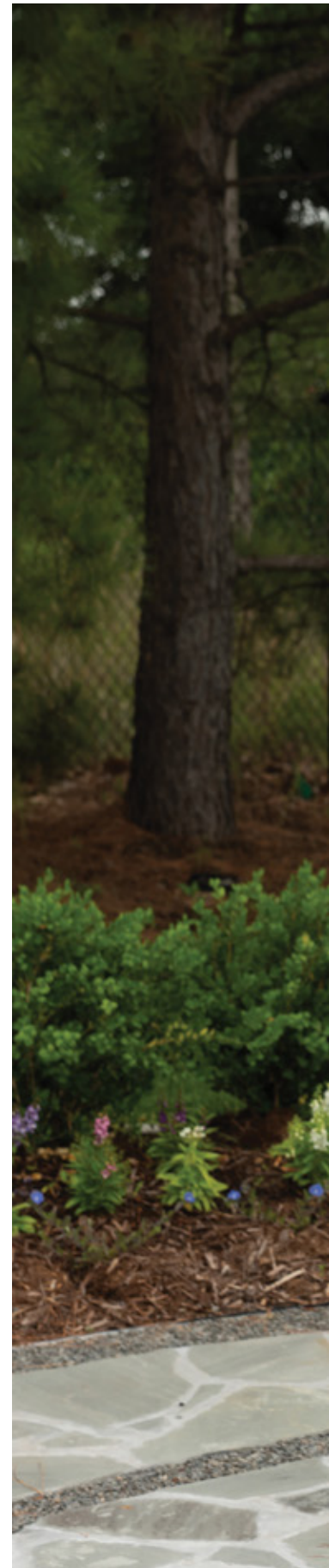
In 2019, the couple established the Patel Family Scholarship Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to remove financial roadblocks for students who have participated in the Redlands Community College TRIO Upward Bound program. The college preparatory program for high school students had a profound effect on Piyush when he was a student at El Reno.

"Being a rural high school student, the odds were stacked against me," said Piyush, who was the first in his family to attend college. "We wanted to create opportunities for rural students who also face barriers. It doesn't matter what they study, they just need to continue their education."

"That first year of college can be difficult," added Lisa, who is also an Oklahoma State graduate. "We hope this scholarship helps get these hardworking students through that first year."

Patel scholarship recipient Jaycie Bates just finished an unprecedented first year of college at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and agrees this scholarship helped make a difference.

"Being able to focus on school rather than the finances was a blessing," says Jaycie. "Going to college was a big step into the next chapter of my life; I am thankful the Patel Family Scholarship Fund helped me with that."



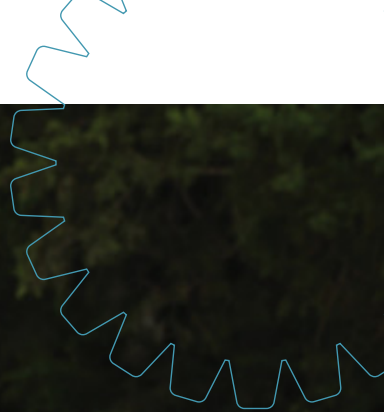


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Piyush and Lisa Patel with Patel Family Scholarship recipient Jaycie Bates.



Guiding the Way to Success

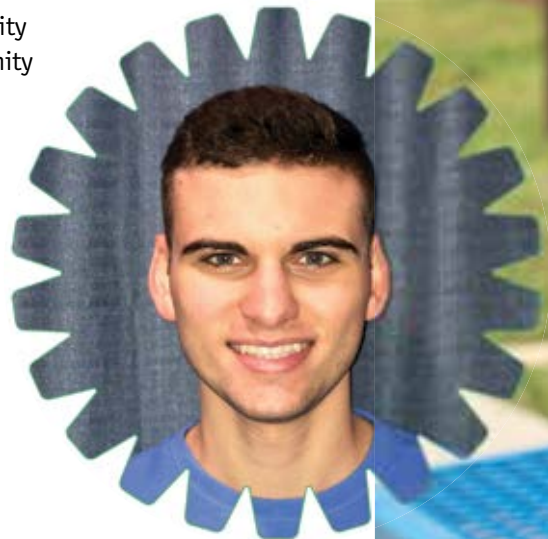
Emerson North High School counselor Jane Taylor has helped guide students through high school for 30 years now. A member of the Central Oklahoma Guidance Counselor Network, Jane uses her position to prepare her students for life after high school, including working with students to help them meet requirements that qualify them to become a Community Foundation Scholar.

The Central Oklahoma Guidance Counselor Network is an integral part of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation's Trustee Scholarship Initiative that was established in 1998 to ensure more students from central Oklahoma high schools could continue their education. Network members have access to valuable resources, training materials and scholarship opportunities for their students, such as the Community Foundation Scholars award, that help them encourage students to pursue higher education. For Jane, the network has strengthened the support she can offer to students who need opportunities.

"Many of the students I have worked with do not have access to a computer or internet at home," said Jane. "I have to find creative ways to help my students apply for scholarships and college admissions while they are at school. The Counselor Network has helped me stay in the know about the resources available to my students."

For Jane the most important thing is the impact she has been able to make on her students — an impact strengthened through Community Foundation scholarships.

"Ms. Taylor was diligent in encouraging me to apply for the Community Foundation Scholars award," said Tristen Campbell, a 2018 Community Foundation Scholar and current nursing student at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. "She was caring and wanted me to be the best that I could be. Receiving the scholarship kept me motivated because I knew I had to maintain good grades while I was in school."



Tristen Campbell





PHOTO BY BRANDON SNIDER

Jane Taylor





Rural Rock Stars

Growing up in Ada, Oklahoma, Carolyn Watson was familiar with the lack of opportunities available to students from rural communities compared to their urban peers. Pursuing higher education is a conversation in only around 29% of rural students' homes. A believer in the power of education, Carolyn made it her mission to change this narrative and improve the quality of life for people in communities like hers.

In 1995, the longtime chair and CEO of Shamrock Bancshares created the Rural Oklahoma Community Foundation at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to strengthen rural communities, schools and teachers. A strong component of her philanthropy is the Carolyn Watson Opportunities Scholarship, a four-year award up to \$12,000 per year that helps students from rural Oklahoma high schools follow their dreams and pursue higher education. We caught up with a few of them to see where their journey has taken them.

Michaela Metts

Durant High School Class of 2012

Michaela Metts is a 2012 graduate of Durant High School. Receiving the Carolyn Watson Opportunities Scholarship helped Michaela continue exploring educational opportunities involving her love of science that evolved into a career path she truly adored.

"I never dreamed I would actually receive the scholarship," Michaela said. "I had a summer internship lined up at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, so I talked about that in my interview, and I guess it went well. When they called me and told me I got it, I couldn't stop crying."

For Michaela, this scholarship opened doors she didn't even know were closed. More importantly, it gave her confidence to pursue a chemistry and chemical technology degree at Southeastern Oklahoma State University where she excelled and discovered her passion for the medical field. Soon after graduation, she was off to pharmacy school.

The Carolyn Watson Opportunities Scholarship helped Michaela not only complete her undergraduate studies

debt free, but it also covered a portion of her first year of pharmacy school. She is now in her final year at the University of Oklahoma's College of Pharmacy, and is able to reflect on the impact the award had on her academic journey.

"It really lives up to its name," said Michaela. "You can take it anywhere and use it on any portion of your education. It's truly an opportunity and I will be forever grateful for the confidence it has given me in life."

Natalie Evans

Fairview High School Class of 2013

A 2013 graduate of Fairview High School, the Carolyn Watson Opportunities Scholarship helped Natalie pursue a degree in English at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The scholarship gave Natalie the chance to immerse herself in campus life, involving herself in theater, student government and the student newspaper as well as discovering a passion for the nonprofit sector.

After graduating, Natalie joined Keep Oklahoma Beautiful as a projects coordinator where she generated an interest in nonprofit leadership and began toying with the idea of graduate school.

"The idea was just kind of germinating, but when I received an email saying I still had Carolyn Watson scholarship funds available and I could apply them to graduate school, that was my deciding factor," Natalie said. "The scholarship has provided me so many opportunities, I cannot begin to express how grateful I am for the way this scholarship impacted my educational and professional journeys."

While pursuing a master's degree in public administration at the University of Central Oklahoma, Natalie was offered an internship with the Edmond city manager's office. After graduating, Natalie's internship turned into a full-time position, and she now gets to follow her dreams by making a difference in the Edmond community every day.


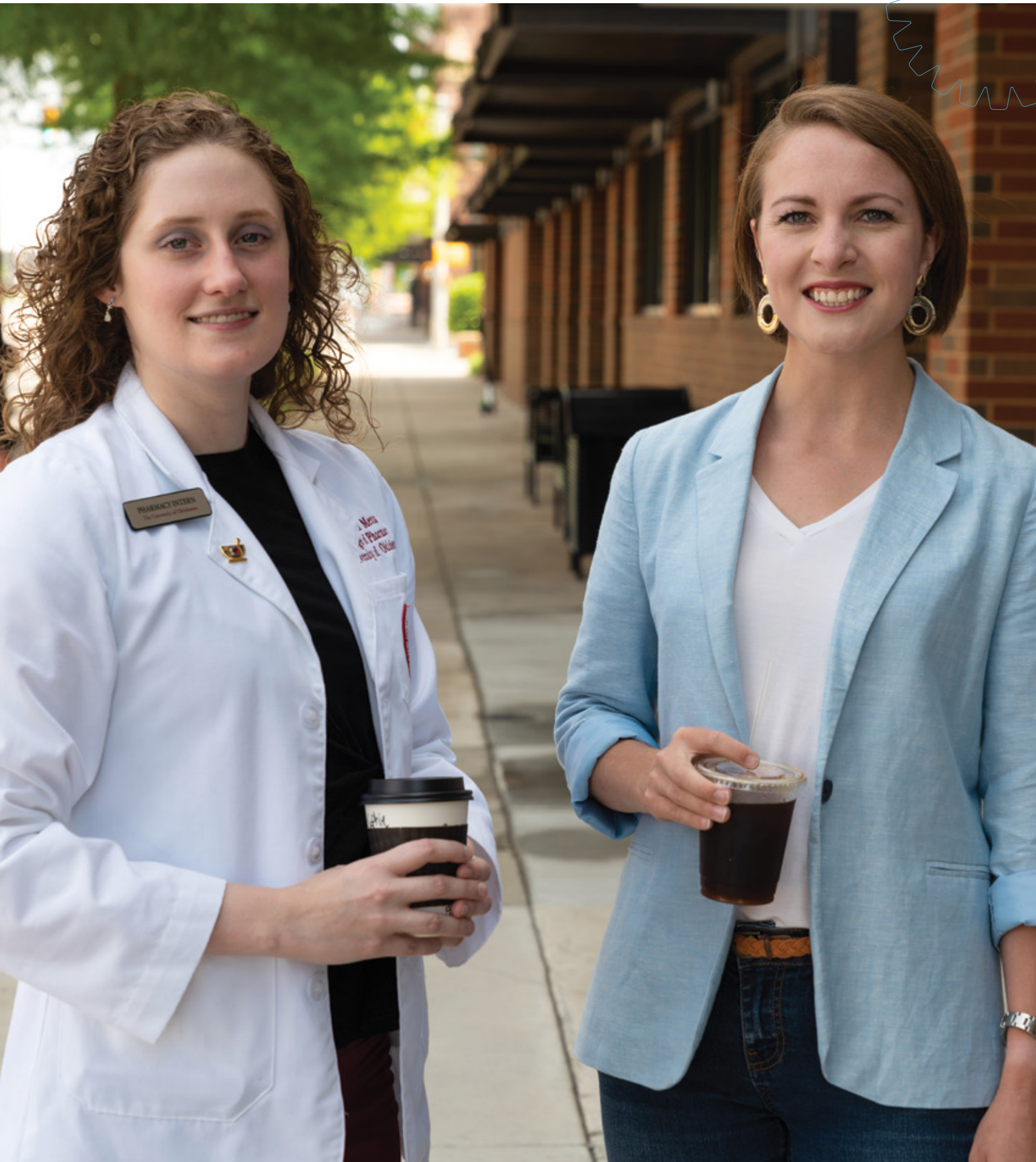


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Carolyn Watson Opportunities Scholars Michaela Metts (left) and Natalie Evans (right)



Funding the Future

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.

How Can You Give?



Give to an Existing Scholarship

Giving to an existing scholarship listed in this publication helps increase award amounts to meet rising education costs. To make a gift to any of the scholarships in this publication:

- Visit occf.org/onlinegiving and specify the fund name in the online giving form.
- Mail your gift to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1146, Oklahoma City, OK 73101, and include the scholarship fund name on your check.



Scholarship Naming Opportunity

A minimum gift of \$20,000 establishes a named fund that supports scholarships awarded through our existing Trustee Scholarship Initiative. These awards will adhere to the program's pre-determined eligibility requirements.



Establish a New Scholarship

A minimum gift of \$40,000 creates a fully-endowed scholarship that provides a \$2,000 award. Our knowledgeable staff will help designate eligibility criteria to make the scholarship uniquely your own.

What Can You Give?

We accept a wide variety of gifts from multiple donors to build permanent support for scholarship funds. As a 501(c)(3) public charity, all gifts to the funds we administer receive the maximum tax benefits allowed. We can also work with your professional advisor to create charitable gifts through your estate plan that may provide a tax benefit for you and your family.

- Include a gift in your will or trust.
- Name the Oklahoma City Community Foundation as one of the beneficiaries of your retirement account or life insurance policy.
- Make a gift of appreciated securities, land or personal property.
- Use assets to create a charitable gift annuity that may provide payments back to you during your lifetime.
- Age 70 ½ or older? Make an IRA charitable rollover gift from your individual retirement account, which can reduce your taxable income and satisfy your annual required minimum distribution (RMD).

Learn more at occf.org/scholarshipgiving.

Investment Management

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation's investment policy is designed to allow an endowment fund to provide annual distributions for charitable purposes in perpetuity, grow to accommodate inflation and continue to exist in the future.

Our investment policy has four major objectives:

- Preserve capital
- Protect distribution amounts from inflation
- Ensure annual distributions continue in perpetuity
- Generate investment returns in the top third of professionally managed funds

How are scholarship funds invested?

- All 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, Personal Financial Management.

Oklahoma City Community Foundation General Pool 10-year Investment Performance

Fiscal Year	Rate of Return
June 30, 2019	7.72%
June 30, 2018	7.80%
June 30, 2017	11.08%
June 30, 2016	1.34%
June 30, 2015	4.20%
June 30, 2014	14.56%
June 30, 2013	11.24%
June 30, 2012	2.31%
June 30, 2011	21.57%
June 30, 2010	12.99%
10 years compounded	9.27%

Learn more at occf.org/investmentmanagement.



Establishing a New Scholarship

Breaking It Down

A minimum of \$40,000 creates a scholarship fund at the OCCF.

The principal amount of your scholarship fund is invested to generate investment income for annual awards. Each year, 5% of the fund's average market value is available to use for scholarship awards. Based on previous market performance, a minimum \$40,000 gift may yield an annual \$2,000 award.

The Foundation exercises a spending policy of 5% of the average market value of the fund over the past 12 quarters unless special circumstances exist or the fund agreement has established a different spending policy.

Here's an example of how it might work over time:

2005

Donor gifts a **\$40,000** initial investment to establish a scholarship fund.

Yields **\$2,000** in annual scholarship awards.

2010

Based on past investment performance of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation's pooled investments, the initial \$40,000 investment plus annual gifts of \$5,000 to the fund grows the fund to **\$58,800**.

Yields **\$3,246** in annual scholarship awards.

2020

Based on past investment performance and annual gifts of \$5,000, the fund would grow to a market value of **\$144,132** after fees and would have distributed a total of **\$69,214** in scholarship awards over the 15-year period.

Yields a **\$6,797** annual scholarship award.

Numbers are based on past investment performance and there is no guarantee of future performance.

How It Works

Establishment

You establish a scholarship fund with a minimum of \$40,000. Our staff can help you customize your own criteria.

Administration

Our knowledgeable staff manages the administration of the award, ensuring your charitable goals are fulfilled and your fund is in compliance with IRS guidelines.

Scholarship Promotion

We work closely with Oklahoma high school guidance counselors and colleges to create a robust applicant pool for your scholarship. We promote it statewide through publications, college fairs and social media!

Students Apply

Your scholarship is listed on OCCF.AcademicWorks.com, making it easy for students to apply online and allowing your scholarship to reach a greater number of potential applicants.

Recipients are Selected

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

Awards are Distributed

Our efficient disbursement of awards ensures that funds are paid directly to the educational institution upon verification that the recipient is enrolled and has met the award criteria.

Fund Management

We process all donations made to the fund and mail gift acknowledgements to the donors. You'll receive an annual fund report showing all gifts, distributions and investment performance.

DonorCentral

At occf.org/DonorCentral, you'll have 24/7 access to the fund balance, gift and annual award history and quarterly investment performance.

Learn more at occf.org/scholarshipgiving.



Scholarship & Award Endowment Funds

As of April 1, 2020

Established by a variety of donors to provide educational opportunities for students, these scholarship and award endowments collectively distribute \$2.5 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.

* Indicates funds established since 2019 Scholarship Review | Scholarships are listed with the date the fund was established and a brief description of the donor's intended purpose for the award.

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.

"The Anderson-Spraberry Scholarship has allowed me to pursue a higher education in dance. Without this aid from the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, I wouldn't be able to pay for my college tuition at UCO."

- Brooklyn Mills
Andersen-Spraberry Scholarship
Perry High School



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 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.

John Blaess Memorial Scholarship

(2004) The scholarship was established by friends and family of Mr. Blaess to benefit graduating seniors of Edmond Memorial High School.

Carrie Ann Nix Blakey Memorial Scholarship

(2018) The scholarship was established by family in memory of Tuttle resident Carrie Ann Nix Blakey to support awards for graduating high school seniors from Tuttle, Blanchard, Chickasha, Minco, Bridge Creek, Newcastle, Amber-Pocasset or Mustang.

Patrick S. Bonds Memorial Scholarship

(2000) The scholarship was established by the Bonds family in memory of 1989 Del City High School valedictorian Patrick Bonds. Awards are made through our Community Foundation Scholars program to benefit graduating high school seniors of Mid-Del Public Schools.

April Bowman & Samantha Bowman Fiscus Scholarship for Northwest Classen High School

(2018) The scholarship was established by Sam Bowman to give back to the school that contributed to the education of his daughters, April and Samantha. Awards support college studies or career readiness activities for graduating Northwest Classen High School seniors.

Vinita F. Boyer Scholarship

(2007) The scholarship was established through a gift from the estate of Vinita Boyer. Mrs. Boyer was an orphan who received a college scholarship and wanted to provide other students with the same opportunity. Awards are made through our Oklahoma Youth with Promise Scholars Program to benefit students formerly in Oklahoma's foster care system.

Alberta Brannon Memorial Scholarship

(2008) The scholarship was established by family in memory of Mrs. Brannon, a longtime Oklahoma City caterer and restaurant owner. Awards benefit students pursuing education in the culinary, hospitality or food service industry.

Dr. Eugene S. Briggs Memorial Scholarship

(1999) The scholarship was established by the Lions Clubs of Oklahoma in honor of Dr. Briggs, a past president of Lions Clubs International. The statewide award benefits Oklahoma residents who are graduating or have graduated from an Oklahoma high school.

Jennifer Lea Briggs Community Foundation Scholars Award

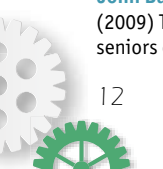
(2017) The fund was established in memory of Guthrie teacher Jennifer Briggs to support awards for Guthrie High School graduating seniors through our Community Foundation Scholars program.

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.



Most Graduation Ceremonies Were Canceled, But Scholarship Surprises Were Not!

John Higginbotham, CEO of Bank of Oklahoma – Oklahoma City, surprised the 2020 Bank of Oklahoma Achieving New Goals Scholarship recipients with a personal FaceTime call congratulating the recipients when finalists expected a phone interview. “Although the message was delivered over FaceTime and on the phone, it was such a joy hearing the emotion in the responses of the winners and their family members,” said Higginbotham.

Julissa Ponce was one of the students on the call. “I felt an immense amount of gratitude and was extremely delighted to know that there are organizations who continue to nurture Oklahoma’s education and inspire first-generation students like myself.”

Bank of Oklahoma Achieving New Goals Scholarship recipients Julissa Ponce and Metehan Sancaktutar each received a \$5,000 scholarship to further their education as well as a phone call that made their senior year a little more special.



John Higginbotham

Julissa Ponce

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.

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.

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.

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 who are enrolled in an Oklahoma college and pursuing an engineering degree related to the heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration industry.

Catherine Connolly Champlin Buchwald Education Scholarship*

(2019) The scholarship was established to honor Catherine’s passion for English Language Learner education in Oklahoma. Awards benefit Oklahoma high school graduating seniors or current college students pursuing education degrees.

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 student athletes entering their fifth year who have completed their athletic eligibility at 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 the school.

Ema Garcia Memorial Scholarship

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

The Strength of a Passion



Anthony Lucky

A loving father of six, Darin McBride was passionate about his family and making memories with his children – especially while coaching them in little league football.

Darin died from cancer in early 2019. To honor him, his family created a memorial scholarship that was personalized to Darin's passions. The Darin McBride Memorial Scholarship is now an annual award that benefits seniors graduating from an Oklahoma high school who played little league football and plan to attend the University of Oklahoma.

"It is an honor to receive the Darin McBride Scholarship," said Grove High School graduate Anthony Lucky. "Not only has it brought my goal of serving in the Marine Corps as an officer closer, it has helped relieve part of the financial burden that college brings. I cannot thank the scholarship committee enough for selecting me to help further my education."

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Dr. Edith King Mental Health Scholarship

(2007) The scholarship was established in honor of Oklahoma City psychologist and mental health advocate Dr. Edith King to benefit a graduate student pursuing specialized education in mental health.

Rev. Kenneth King Memorial Scholarship

(2007) The scholarship was established by family in honor of Rev. Kenneth King, a retired Roman Catholic priest who dedicated his life to serving rural churches in eastern Oklahoma. Awards benefit graduating seniors from rural high schools.

Martha King Scholarship

(2015) The scholarship was established by Oklahoma City Community Foundation Trustees in appreciation of Martha King's 20 years of volunteer service on our Trustee Scholarship Initiative committee and as a Disaster Relief Fund trustee. Awards are made through our Community Foundation Scholars program.

Kirschner Trust Scholarship

(1995) The scholarship was established by the E. Phil & Roberta L. Kirschner Foundation and is awarded through our Oklahoma Youth with Promise Scholars Program to benefit students formerly in Oklahoma's foster care system.

Donna Vandiver Knapp Piano & Vocal Music Education Fund

(2012) The fund was established by Donna and Bobby Knapp to benefit students majoring in music education with an emphasis in piano or vocal music at the University of Oklahoma.

Valerie Koelsch Memorial Scholarship

(1995) The scholarship was established by the Sheet Metal Workers International Association in memory of Valerie Koelsch, a local union member's daughter who was killed in the 1995 bombing of the Murrah Federal Building. Awards benefit local union members, spouses and dependents.

Donna & Harry Kornbaum Scholarship

(2014) The scholarship was established by Mrs. Kornbaum to benefit students formerly in Oklahoma's foster care system who plan to attend the University of Oklahoma.

Larry J. Kramer, 1959, U.S. Grant High School Scholarship

(2017) The scholarship was established by Larry J. Kramer, a 1959 graduate of U.S. Grant High School, to benefit one female and one male senior of a marginalized population graduating from his alma mater.

PFC Anthony Adam Landers "Zero To Hero" Scholarship

(2003) The scholarship was established in memory of PFC Anthony Adam Landers to benefit young adults who need academic tutoring to qualify for specific career training through Armed Services Vocational Battery.

Sally Jo Clark Langston Memorial Scholarship

(2010) The scholarship was established by Betty Wooldrige in honor of her mother, Sally Jo Clark Langston. Awards benefit graduating seniors of Classen School of Advanced Studies at Northeast High School or Northwest Classen High School who wish to pursue a degree in dance or music.

Wann & Clara Langston Scholarship

(1978) The scholarship was established through a gift from the estate of longtime University of Oklahoma College of Medicine faculty member Wann Langston and his wife, Clara. Awards support graduate nursing students at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Charles 'Tommy' Lewis Memorial Fund

(2006) Established by the estate of Oklahoma City businessman Tommy Lewis, the fund supports scholarships through our Nurse Education Program.

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 high 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.



Elaine Hahn

The Strength of Dedication

An Oklahoma City native, Elaine Hahn earned a degree in marketing from Oklahoma State University and a master's in business administration from Columbia University before taking on the world of business as founder, president and chief investment officer of Hahn Capital Management,

Rather than take credit for her hard work, Elaine was often heard to say education and “special angels” who helped her along the way were the true contributors to her success, and she wanted to become this for others.

After Elaine’s death in 2018, the Hahn family established the Elaine Hahn Memorial Business Scholarship at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to honor Elaine’s extreme dedication to education and helping those less fortunate. This scholarship supports first-generation female college students from central Oklahoma who are pursuing a degree in business.

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 who will attend Western Oklahoma State College.

Melton Art Scholarship

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

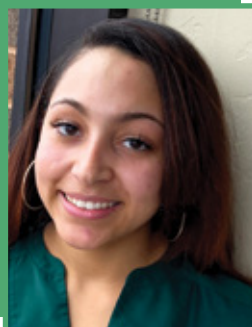
Ruth Mershon Scholarship

(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.

“College is not really an option for most foster students, but scholarships from the Oklahoma City Community Foundation changed that for me. Thanks to them, I will graduate from the University of Central Oklahoma with my bachelor’s this spring!”

- Qualyn Wilson

Ruth Mershon Scholarship Recipient
Edmond Santa Fe High School



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 Tipton, Oklahoma, native Mittie Nickles 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.

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 Energy Corp. Foundation Scholarship

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

OKC Northwest Lions Club Scholarship

(2005) The scholarship was established by the OKC Northwest Lions Club to benefit third- or fourth-year students attending Southern Nazarene University School of Business.

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 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 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 – Shdeed Law School Scholarship

(2018) The scholarship was established by William and Pam Shdeed 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 Initiative programs, 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 & Sciences 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 sciences 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 the University of Oklahoma or Oklahoma State University.

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.

Louise Harris Moore Phillips Duke University School of Nursing Scholarship

(2006) The scholarship was established by family in honor of Ms. Phillips to benefit nursing students studying holistic health practices at Duke University.

Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club Scholarship

(1990) The scholarship was established by the Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Oklahoma City to benefit active Pi Beta Phi members at the University of Oklahoma or Oklahoma State University.

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.

Flavious Richardson Scholarship

(2018) The scholarship was established by former students in honor of Hobart math teacher Flavious Richardson to benefit graduating seniors of Hobart High School.

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.

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.

The Strength of Scholarships Through a Pandemic

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

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.

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.

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 John Marshall, Harding, Douglass or Millwood high schools.



Gabby Pinto-Ordenez was shocked and excited as OGE presented her with a \$60,000 scholarship.

With social distancing measures in place during scholarship season, some of our scholarship committees had to get extra creative to deliver the good news to the lucky award recipients. A few of the nearly 800 students receiving scholarships this year had big surprises waiting.

The team behind the OGE Positive Energy Scholarship went all out – quite literally. Gabby Pinto-Ordenez, senior at Edmond Memorial High School, couldn't believe her eyes when two orange OGE trucks rolled up in front of her classroom windows. "I don't have words for it. There are no words to express how happy I am and the opportunity that I have here," Pinto-Ordenez said when presented with the coveted \$60,000 award.

Morrison High School's Trevor Hughes and Southmoore High School's Lynsey Mendenhall were greeted with similar presentations from OGE.

"We could not be prouder of the role we play in OGE's scholarship program," said Nancy Anthony, president of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. "Support for youth and education in our communities is at the core of both of our organizations' values, and we are grateful to be part of the OGE scholarship program."

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, Southeast or U.S. Grant high schools.

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.

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.

Brian Wechsler Memorial Scholarship

(2009) The scholarship was established by family in memory of Brian Wechsler to benefit a graduating senior of Edmond Memorial High School who participates 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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

"I am always striving to better myself, and college is a huge part of that. This scholarship will help me reach my ultimate goal of becoming a sports medicine doctor."

- Tyanna Skinner

*Mildred & William Young Scholarship & Patel Math & Sciences Scholarship recipient
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.

How Does the Review Process Work?

After a student hits that submit button is when our gears start turning! Let's look at what goes into the review process:



After a scholarship application closes, the Community Foundation's scholarship team reviews each application and filters students whose eligibility matches that particular scholarship's criteria. Eligible students continue to the manual review process.

The Community Foundation's scholarship team invites at least three community reviewers to manually review each eligible student's application. The reviewers examine essay responses and supplemental application materials to help our team collect an unbiased evaluation of the student.



Reviewers score the students based on their evaluations, and our system averages the scores to help our scholarship team make a data-driven decision on who are the most qualified candidates.

Who Are the Community Reviewers?

Our scholarship program's community reviewers are retired teachers, guidance counselors, donors, volunteers and Community Foundation staff members. The Community Foundation hosts annual training sessions to help our community reviewers learn the best practices of scholarship reviewing from our staff and each other. Some reviewers choose to evaluate only one scholarship's applicants. Other reviewers, like David Rose and John and Susan Frank, evaluate applications from up to eight scholarships each year. In 2019, the Community Foundation was fortunate to have 49 community reviewers evaluating applications from more than 150 scholarship opportunities.



Susan and John Frank

"I'm overwhelmed with the amazing young people I've had the pleasure of reviewing. It gives me hope that they will be the future leaders of our society."

– David Rose

"It is rewarding to read the essays these scholarship applicants submit. So many are the first in their family to pursue higher education. Not one sets a goal of wealth; all seem focused on service to their community. We look forward to each review year. OCCF makes it so easy to contribute our time to help these young adults reach their goals."

– John Frank



Trustee Scholarship Initiative

In addition to the scholarships established by individual donors, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation also awards a group of scholarships through our Trustee Scholarship Initiative. Established in 1998, the Trustee Scholarship Initiative encourages more students in central Oklahoma to attend college by awarding more than \$360,000 in scholarships annually and providing free training and resources for hundreds of high school counselors.

The initiative includes five programs:

Community Foundation Scholars

Rewards the underserved segment of college-bound students, those who do not qualify for the most competitive academic scholarships but who are good students and active in school activities and their communities.

New Opportunities Scholars

Helps students become the first in their family to pursue education beyond high school. Scholarship recipients apply as high school juniors and must complete a series of college preparatory activities.

Oklahoma Youth With Promise

Awards scholarships to students who graduate from high school while in Oklahoma’s foster care system.

Nurse Education Program

Offers scholarships to third- and fourth-year college students enrolled in a nursing program, as well as practicing registered nurses who are pursuing a nursing-related bachelor’s degree.

Central Oklahoma Guidance Counselor Network

For many students, their high school guidance counselor is an important source of information on college admissions and financial aid resources. However, with limited funding, these professionals often lack access to needed resources and training. The Central Oklahoma Guidance Counselor Network provides free training for guidance counselors at 53 high schools in central Oklahoma. Each year, counselors are invited to attend two continuing education workshops and a college campus visit. As an added benefit, each high school with a participating guidance counselor is eligible for Community Foundation Scholars awards.

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

Honoring Past Trustees

Additional scholarships honoring the following past Trustees are awarded through our Trustee Scholarship Initiative or to support specific educational purposes designated by the Trustee.

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The Strength of Continued Commitment

Former Oklahoma City Community Foundation Trustee James “Jim” Clark has served his community in many roles over the years. The grandson of local jewelry legend B.C. Clark, Jim was a graduate of Northwest Classen High School and earned degrees from the University of Oklahoma and New York University’s School of Business before moving on to serve for two years in the U.S. Army.

Jim’s involvement with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation was profound, specifically as chair of the Trustee Scholarship Initiative Committee. Jim made it a point to present OCCF scholarships and awards to recipients at local high schools, including his alma mater.

“Jim wasn’t just there to fill a seat on the committee,” said Community Foundation President Nancy Anthony. “He made it a point to be there for students and make them feel special. His role will forever be remembered in our scholarship program.

In honor of B.C. Clark Jewelers’ 100th anniversary in 1992, Jim and the Clark family established a permanent endowment at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation that has supported a number of charitable organizations, including youth services and most currently the community nonprofits working to combat the effects of COVID-19.

Trustee Scholarship Initiative Committee

The Trustee Scholarship Initiative Committee is comprised of leaders and voices within the Oklahoma City community that assist with guidance on Trustee Scholarship initiatives.

Oscar Jackson, Chairman
Anita May
Michael Carolina
Ashley Stevenson

Diane Ming
Jessica Martinez-Brooks
DJ Morgan
Pat Kelly

Christin Mugg
Alana House
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