2021 SCHOLARSHIP REPORT
Dear Scholarship Partners,

Recently, I was attending a meeting of community leaders hearing from a panel of experts. Included on the panel was an appointed Secretary for the State of Oklahoma, a man I know personally and consider to be gifted in both finance and strategic thinking. As I listened to him eloquently speak about strategic plans to grow Oklahoma’s economy, I remembered his personal story of growing up underprivileged, born to working parents who made enough to just pay the bills and get by.

When he tells his story, he includes it was only because of the scholarships provided by others that he was able to attend college. This anecdote reminded me of another recent conversation with a young, dynamic venture capital fund developer who also grew up with the same set of circumstances. He too was only able to attend college because of the initial generosity of strangers who provided scholarships. Because of forward looking donors, this man is now in a position to create opportunities and jobs for other Oklahomans.

There is also the example of my friend who grew up in foster care—he persevered through a number of unfavorable placements and situations throughout his childhood. He grew up to be the founder and CEO of a billion-dollar company employing thousands of Oklahomans, providing good salaries to those families. And, as you might have guessed, he was only able to receive an education because of the generosity of donors who set up and funded scholarships.

When we think about the beneficiaries of scholarships, we typically think of the scholarship recipient. But that thinking very much understates the rippling effect scholarships have. The greater benefit is to the families, future or present, which will have a higher, more stable income; the employees of a future business; or even an entire state which will benefit from a more stable and stronger economy.

So, on behalf of all the known and future beneficiaries of your scholarship donation, thank you for investing in the future leaders who would never get there without your help.

Live Generously,

Teresa Rose, J.D.
Executive Director
Supporting Oklahoma’s Students
Examining Communities Foundation of Oklahoma’s 2021 Scholarship Cycle

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS HELD AT CFO

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1112 APPLICANTS FROM 62 COUNTIES

NEW FOR 2021
UNIVERSAL APPLICATION
ONE FORM FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS

AVERAGE AWARD
$6,000

$1,249,566 IN AWARDS PAID OUT TO STUDENTS DURING THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR
Few opportunities just fall into your lap unexpectedly. For Quinn Maher, the opportunity of a lifetime happened just like that. In 2015, he was sitting in a class at Edison High School when his school counselor walked in and told him she had found a scholarship opportunity for him. He and his dad always talked about the practicality of the job market that comes along with engineering and how it would lead to a stable career.

Having already decided on attending University of Tulsa to pursue a Music degree, Quinn opted to double major in Music and Engineering—making him a unique character on the TU campus. Being awarded the Tulsa Engineering Scholarship allowed him to live on campus and paid for the totality of his books; without the scholarship, Quinn says he would have come out of college in far more debt.

“This scholarship means that my fiancée and I can start our life together without one of the many stressors that new couples face in this job climate.”

After her counselor connected her with CFO’s universal scholarship application, she found she qualified for numerous scholarships. She was ultimately awarded the Lori Johnson Making A Difference, Sisters of the Sacred Heartland, Kingfisher Community Trust, and Marie Cooper Memorial scholarships. Through Prairie’s love of storytelling and essay writing she was able to express her plans for the future, which connected with the goals of each scholarship. Prairie will be attending the University of Oklahoma and double majoring in dramaturgy and history.

When discussing the profound impact scholarships will have on her life and future, Prairie points to the scholarship donors as her inspiration. “Scholarships have given me liberty and freedom—they’ve given me the opportunity to pursue higher education without the constant worry of debt. It’s inspiring to know that people both inside and outside your community believe in you enough to invest in your future.”

“With my chemical engineering degree, I intend to stay in Oklahoma and work in materials manufacturing, specifically polymers, because it is a sustainable field that is in high demand.

With the help of CFO, I will be able to enter the work force as a stronger worker and be able to enter my community as a stronger capital investor.”
2021 Wrap-Up + Updates
From the Director of Scholarships

A Year of Scholarship Growth
After a year full of difficulty for many, I’m happy to report that the Communities Foundation of Oklahoma scholarship program has seen massive growth including the following:

• New partnerships with the Clinton Public School Foundation, the Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association, and other local entities.
• Introduced new scholarship opportunities for non-traditional students entering CareerTech programs or transitioning from community college to four-year universities.
• The deployment of our Universal Application. This new system streamlined the application process for students and resulted in a record number of applications from students in nearly every county in the state.

A Bright Path Forward
As Communities Foundation of Oklahoma enters its 30th year in 2022, our team looks forward to continuing to fulfill our original goal: Empowering individuals and communities to create positive change. Please stay tuned for more updates as we enter 2022.

Thank you for entrusting us with your scholarship goals -- whether we are carrying on the legacy of a lost loved one, supporting your local public-school foundation, or managing your organization’s scholarships -- it is a privilege to put your dollars to work for Oklahoma students, and we look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Austin S. Klososky
Director of Scholarships

CFO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE ATTENDING 68 DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS IN 24 STATES FOR THE FALL 2021 SEMESTER
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