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SCHOLARSHIP REPORT



Message from the Executive Director



It is with great pride and gratitude that I present this year's Annual Scholarship Report, a testament to the transformative power of education and the unwavering commitment of our community. Over the past year, we have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that scholarships have on the lives of our recipients. These funds do more than just alleviate financial burdens; they open doors to opportunities, fuel dreams, and inspire a new generation of leaders who will shape our future.

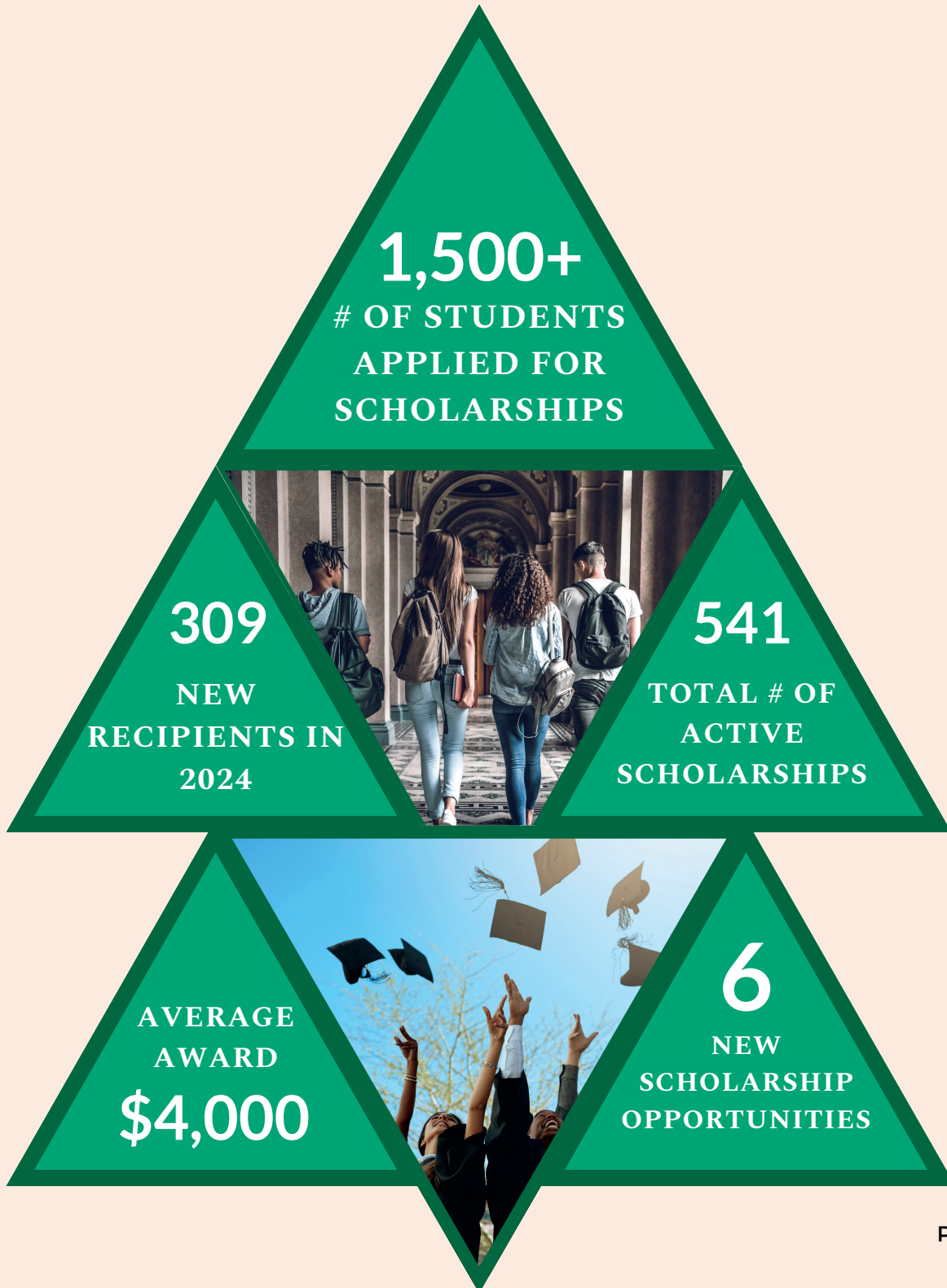
At CFO, we know the importance of pooling resources. From school counselors to community involvement to the generosity of our donors, together, we can achieve more. By joining forces, we create a ripple effect that extends far beyond individual scholarships. Each contribution, no matter the size, is a vital piece of a larger puzzle that creates pathways to success for our students. Your generosity and collective effort not only provide financial support but also send a powerful message of belief in the potential of every student. Together, we are building a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Communities Foundation of Oklahoma's mission. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of our scholars and our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Teresa Rose'.

Teresa Rose, J.D.
Executive Director

\$1,309,700
in new Scholarship
dollars awarded in 2024





Message from the Director of Scholarships

2024 Scholarship Program Updates

As the Director of Scholarships at the Communities Foundation of Oklahoma, it is my pleasure to share with you our annual scholarship report, which reflects the profound impact your generosity has made in the lives of countless students across our great state. Each year, our scholarship programs continue to grow, thanks to our donors' unwavering support, our community partners' dedication, and the inspiring aspirations of the students we serve.

This year, we are proud to report that over 541 scholarships were awarded, totaling more than \$1,309,700 in new financial assistance. These scholarships have empowered students to pursue higher education at institutions across the country, helping them overcome financial barriers and achieve their dreams. From first-generation college students to those pursuing advanced degrees, our scholars represent the diverse future of Oklahoma.

The stories of our scholarship recipients are truly inspiring. Take, for instance, Lananh, whose family immigrated from Vietnam when she was three. Thanks to the MORE Foundation Scholarship, she is now pursuing a degree in nursing at OU, with plans to return to her community and make a difference in medicine. Or consider Cierra, a first-generation college student whose passion for journalism has been fueled by the scholarship's support.

These stories are just a glimpse of the incredible potential being unlocked through your support. But our work is far from over. As we look to the future, we remain committed to expanding our reach, increasing our scholarship offerings, and ensuring that every deserving student has the opportunity to pursue their educational goals. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

We look forward to another year of working together to make higher education accessible to all.

Amber Shelton
Director of Scholarships

Student Success Stories

I have been a recipient of two of the Communities Foundation of Oklahoma Scholarships since 2022. As a first generation student who had close to no aid in my pursuit of going to college, these scholarships have been essential in navigating my goals for my future.

**Written by: Ciera Terry |
Cameron University**

With the financial support that was granted to me, I have been able to pay almost all my tuition and college costs as a student at Cameron University. Financial support is the biggest concern for students of my background, but because of these scholarships, I have been able to focus on my studies and extracurricular activities instead. Granting me the scholarship was just the beginning.

The experiences I have been able to gain by being a scholarship recipient continue to help me grow as a person and as an individual in my career field, which is journalism. I have made beneficial and loving connections with my community here at college, and that would not have been possible without the financial support the Communities Foundation of Oklahoma has provided. It is difficult to express in words the deep gratitude I have for the CFO, but I can emphasize that these scholarships directly improved my quality of life.



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**Lananh Nguyễn |
University of Oklahoma**



When Lananh and her family arrived in Ardmore, Oklahoma, from Vietnam, she was just three years old. It was 2008, and the global recession was beginning to unfold. Her parents, seeking stability and support, moved to Ardmore, where they had family and the prospect of steady work. The small town offered an invaluable sense of security during such uncertain times.

Growing up in Ardmore, Lananh quickly adapted to her new environment. By the time she reached her senior year of high school, she had developed a clear vision for her future. Nursing was the career field that she felt called to. Lananh's passion for helping others and the stability and demand for nurses made it the perfect fit. She knew that becoming a nurse would fulfill her desire to make a difference in people's lives and provide her with a reliable and rewarding profession.

It was by chance that Lananh learned about the MORE Foundation scholarship. As the deadline loomed, she happened to be in music class when her teacher mentioned the opportunity. Encouraged to apply, she decided to take a chance. To her delight, she was awarded the scholarship, a moment she describes as one of immense gratitude. The financial support provided by the MORE Foundation scholarship has been crucial for Lananh as she navigates her college years. The scholarship has alleviated some of the financial burden, allowing her to focus on her studies and work toward her goal of becoming a nurse. While pursuing her degree at the University of Oklahoma, Lananh has remained active in the Asian American Association, finding community and connection. Her involvement has enriched her college experience, offering a space to celebrate her heritage and connect with others with similar backgrounds.

Lananh is now just two years away from graduating with her Registered Nurse (RN) title. But she isn't stopping there. Her aspirations reach even further—she plans to attend Nurse Practitioner school, where she can continue to expand her skills and impact in the healthcare field.

Lananh's journey from Vietnam to Ardmore and her path to becoming a nurse are testaments to her resilience, determination, and the importance of community support. The MORE Foundation scholarship has played a significant role in helping her achieve her dreams. Lananh is eager to give back by serving others as a compassionate and skilled healthcare professional.

Our Scholarship Funds

- Alder Family Scholarship
- Alva Goldbug Alumni Scholarship
- Alva Goldbug Education Foundation The Class of '78 Scholarship Endowment
- Alva Goldbug Long Family Trust Scholarship
- Alva High School Classes of 1964, 1965 and 1966 Memorial Scholarship
- Alva Hospital Authority Scholarship
- Amanda and Nathaniel Harding Scholarship honoring Tom Swyden
- American Black and Tan Coonhound Association Youth Scholarship Endowment
- Anderson Family Scholarship
- Ann Lyne Brower Memorial Scholarship
- Ashley Parks Creative Endowment
- Austin Quinn Golf Scholarship
- Bay Family Scholarship Endowment
- Beta Theta Pi Foundation of Oklahoma Scholarship
- Bill Crenshaw Baseball Scholarship
- Bill Talley Scholarship Endowment
- Billy Joe Melton Family Academic Scholarship
- Blackwell Community Foundation Andy Ellis Trust Scholarship Endowment
- Blackwell Community Foundation Jerry Mann Memorial Scholarship
- Brian Crawford Memorial Scholarship
- Bristow Education Foundation Farha Scholarship
- Bristow Education Foundation Lamons/Alexander Scholarship
- Bristow Rotary Club Scholarship
- Brook Nicole Hensley Memorial Scholarship
- Bulldog Ben and Marcia Robinson Scholarship
- C. Richard Anderson Scholarship
- Cameron Tague Memorial Scholarship for the Colorado School of Mines
- Chickasha Public School Foundation Academic Scholarship
- Chickasha Public School Foundation Dunnell Scholarship
- Chickasha Public School Foundation Storms Family Scholarship in Memory of Jan Storms
- Chris Thomas Memorial Scholarship
- Cleo Cook Coker Scholarship Endowment
- Clinton Public School Foundation Alumni Bridge Scholarship
- Clinton Public School Foundation Davis-McElmurry Trust Scholarship
- Clinton Public School Foundation General Scholarship
- Clinton Public School Foundation
- George H. Powers and Louis LaRue Powers Scholarship
- Clinton Public School Foundation Kent Powell Memorial Scholarship
- Clinton Public School Foundation Neparko Family Scholarship
- Coach Jerry R. Brady Scholarship
- Community Bank and Employees Scholarship
- Connie King Freeman Scholarship
- D. Flynn and Lula McDaniel Scholarship Trust Endowment
- Danny and Amy Guffy Memorial Scholarship
- Darryl Andrews Memorial Scholarship
- Dorma Hobbs Endowed Scholarship
- Doug Fisher Agricultural Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Dr. Leo and Jerry Meece Memorial Scholarship
- Duncan Public School Foundation Barnes and Woolf Scholarship
- Duncan Public School Foundation Class of 1954 Scholarship
- Duncan Public School Foundation Class of 1956 Scholarship
- Duncan Public School Foundation Evette LaParche Freeman Scholarship
- Duncan Public School Foundation G.D. McEnroe Family Scholarship
- Duncan Public School Foundation Gene Nelson Scholarship
- Duncan Public School Foundation General Scholarship Endowment
- Duncan Public School Foundation Helen Kuhn Scholarship
- Duncan Public School Foundation Katherine Anne Hruby Scholarship
- Duncan Public School Foundation Kenneth and Julliette Woodward Scholarship
- Duncan Public School Foundation Mary Louise Slaughter Koeninger Memorial Scholarship
- Duncan Public School Foundation Opal Lowry Scholarship
- Duncan Public School Foundation Ross and Naomi Seuberth Scholarship
- Duncan Public School Foundation Stephens County Bar Assn. Arthur J. Marmaduke Memorial Scholarship
- Duncan Public School Foundation Stephens County Bar Assn. O.L. Peck, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
- Duncan Public School Foundation Weldon and Connie Mosley Scholarship
- Dyer Family Scholarship
- Dylan Cade Anderson Memorial Scholarship
- Ed Brower Scholarship
- EMJO Operations Continued Education Scholarship
- First Christian Church of Kingfisher Youth Scholarship
- Fritz Herber Family Scholarship
- G Omar Hill Football Scholarship
- Garber EMS Volunteers Scholarship
- Garber Methodist Church Scholarship

- Garber Shine Scholarship
- George and Valeria Howard Scholarship
- Greenfield Alumni Foundation Student Scholarship
- Greg Brownlee Scholarship
- Guy and Faye Schickedanz Family Endowed Scholarship
- H. Cecil Sullivan, Jr. Leadership Scholarship
- H.G. and Cladene Hunt Memorial Scholarship
- Hal and Jean Long Family Scholarship
- Henry Bonney Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Hugh and Rubeal Harris Memorial Scholarship
- Imo Scheidt Memorial Scholarship
- J. Lloyd Ford, Jr. Scholarship Endowment
- Jack Cohen Family Memorial Scholarship
- Jake & Josh Leffler Memorial Scholarship
- James A. Young Scholarship
- Jane Pemberton Campbell Scholarship
- J'Ann Clower Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Jason Lee Alvarado Memorial Scholarship
- Jerry D. Morris Memorial Scholarship
- John Northcutt Memorial Endowment
- Joseph and Beulah Hill Scholarship
- Josh Hill Memorial Wrestling Scholarship
- Judy Duprez Memorial Scholarship
- Julia Kathryn Gilbert Memorial Scholarship
- Kenneth Thiesing Basketball Scholarship
- Kenny Hillin Scholarship
- Kerry Dane Trout Memorial Scholarship
- Kingfisher County Republican Women Marie Cooper Memorial Scholarship
- Kingfisher Rotary John A. Francis Scholarship
- Kingfisher Student Council Bicentennial Scholarship
- Larry Golbek Memorial Scholarship
- Lattimore-Taylor Medical Scholarship
- Laverne School Foundation Scholarship
- Anderson Family Scholarship
- Leota Brower McOsker Scholarship
- Lori Crawford Excellence in Teaching Scholarship
- Lori Johnson Memorial Scholarship
- Lynn Institute Employee and Employee's Children Scholarship
- Lynn Institute Hope Leadership Scholarship
- Madeline M. Bills Memorial Scholarship
- Marilyn Miller Harris Memorial Scholarship
- Max Wayne Jones Scholarship
- McCasland Foundation Scholarship
- Noble Alumni Association Scholarship
- Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Scholarship
- Oklahoma City Federation of Colored Women's Club Scholarship
- OK-SWANA Scholarship
- Endowed Scholarship, In Honor of Willy Young
- Paul and Helen Sullivan Family Scholarship
- Paul and Justin Lambert Memorial Scholarship
- Payne Family Scholarship Endowment
- Perry McOsker Memorial Scholarship
- Phillip Otis Memorial Scholarship
- Pillar Award Honoring Imogene Mowdy Scholarship
- Rae Rippetoe Blair and Craig Blair Memorial Scholarship
- Ralph Enix Scholarship
- Ramona Kolander Esphahanian Shattuck Scholarship
- Ray and Nancy Cravens Scholarship
- Raymond E. and Zach Barger Memorial Scholarship
- RCScience Memorial Scholarship
- Red River Technology Center Education Foundation Endowment
- Red River Technology Center Education Foundation Liability
- Retired Chief Gary Sanderson Scholarship
- Rico Memorial Scholarship
- Ringwood Education Foundation Danny L. and Margaret Ann (Doll) Smith Memorial Scholarship
- Ringwood Education Foundation Dr. Kenton and Mrs. Eula Mae (Oakley) Ross Scholarship
- Ringwood Education Foundation Jack and Betty (Ratzlaff) Mason (Class of 1943) Memorial Scholarship
- Ringwood Education Foundation Lloydene Nance Memorial Scholarship
- Ringwood Education Foundation Scholarship Endowment
- Rizley Family Teacher's Education Endowment Scholarship
- Robert Starr Haile Memorial Scholarship
- Rodney Hobbs Memorial Scholarship
- Rose Marie Lowther Scholarship
- Rustin Sturgeon Memorial Agriculture Scholarship
- Sean Kyle Memorial Scholarship
- Sean R. Culbert/Allison M. Culbert Memorial Scholarship
- SEEK Conference Scholarship
- Shannon Primeau Memorial Scholarship
- Shattuck Education Foundation Legacy Scholarship
- Shattuck Education Foundation Scholarship Endowment
- Shattuck Education Foundation Start Scholarship
- Shawnee Fine Arts Club Scholarship
- Shidler Schools Scholarship and Endowment
- Sisters of the Sacred Heartland Dr. Allan French Memorial Scholarship
- Steve Winters Memorial Scholarship
- The Kennedy Scholarship Endowment
- The Lynn Ann McIntosh Endowed Scholarship
- The MORE Foundation Scholarship s
- Treva R. Gilliland Memorial Scholarship
- Tulsa Engineering Scholarship
- Velma-Alma Fountain of Knowledge Alumni Scholarship
- Ward S. Merrick Scholarship
- Warren (Bud) and Maxine Nichols Scholarship
- Wayland Loring Memorial Scholarship
- Wewoka Class of 1949 Endowed Scholarship



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APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships assist Oklahoma students in pursuit of higher education. At Communities Foundation of Oklahoma (CFO) we administer scholarships to individual students from communities large and small.

**APPLICATION OPENS
JANUARY 2, 2025**



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