

## **2014 Program Report**

### **The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis**

Annually, the board receives a report that summarizes program accomplishments and participant demographics. While board members may come to know individual students through reading applications, conducting orientations, or managing exit interviews, this report is intended to provide the overarching description of our student population as context for individual or anecdotal knowledge.

The 2014 Program Report highlights The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis' student demographics, direct financial support provided to students, and program characteristics. The Scholarship Foundation implemented some very important changes during 2014 including: revised citizenship eligibility requirements so that students approved under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) may apply for loans and grants; initiated college savings accounts, the Future Forward program, as another way to provide direct financial support to students; established and developed the Education Policy Internship program; and approved the Centennial Collaboration Scholarships with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri.

These changes have kept Foundation board and staff busy. The Foundation has been represented at community events in an effort to spread word of DACA students' eligibility for funding, strengthened existing partnerships to provide, between fall 2014 and spring 2015, 120 area eighth graders an opportunity to participate in Future Forward, earning up to \$1,400 from the Foundation in MOST-Missouri's 529 College Savings Account Plan, trained and utilized Education Policy Interns on advocacy important to the Foundation's mission, and worked with Big Brothers Big Sisters staff to provide 15 area students with grants up to \$10,000 for the academic year.

# Programs of The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis

Interest-Free Loans	
★ General	★ Deedee Becker (Nursing)
★ Emergency Loans	★ 277 Designated Scholar Loans (DSL)

Scholarship Grants	
★ Bravo, General	★ Ameren Bravo
★ Dana Brown Bravo	★ Joanne Clevinger Bravo (Nursing)
★ Energizer Bravo	★ Saigh Foundation Bravo
★ Ava's Grace	★ Centennial Collaboration Scholars
★ Deaconess Foundation (Nursing)	★ Horizon Housing Foundation
★ Mildred & Francis Lynch (Nursing)	★ Neil Molloy Memorial
★ Helen Nash, M.D.	★ Joe Pollack Memorial

Internships	
★ Education Policy	★ Community-Based

Other
★ Future Forward College Savings

# Student Demographics

## ***Who are Our Students (new and renewal)?***

68% female, (nationally<sup>1</sup> 56% of all postsecondary students are female)

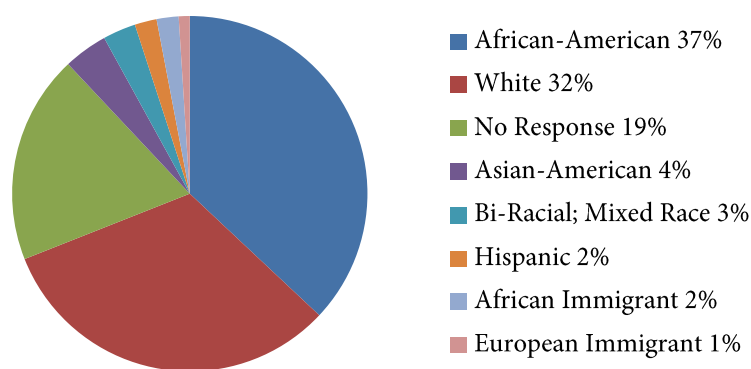
36% self-identify as First Generation<sup>2</sup>

94% are under the age of 25

77% receive Pell Grants<sup>3</sup>, (estimated) 44%<sup>4</sup> of students nationally

Average cumulative GPA is 3.13

**SF Students Race**



## ***Where do Students Study?***

77% attend a postsecondary institution in Missouri

54% attend a public 4 year institution

43% attend a private 4 year institution

3% attend a 2 year institution

## ***Average Annual Cost of Attendance:***

SF students: \$27,900

Nationally<sup>5</sup>: \$30,681

## ***Average Expected Family Contribution (EFC):***

\$2,900<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Most recent [data](#) from 2012

<sup>2</sup> Based on those who self-identified as first generation; however, language on the SF application did not provide any definition of first generation.

<sup>3</sup> Federal, need-based aid awarded to students with significant need

<sup>4</sup> Based on estimates from [National Center for Education Statistics](#) and [College Board](#)

<sup>5</sup> College Board, 2014

<sup>6</sup> In 2013 average EFC for SF students was \$2,500, in 2012 \$2,700, and in 2011 \$2,900

## Student Demographics

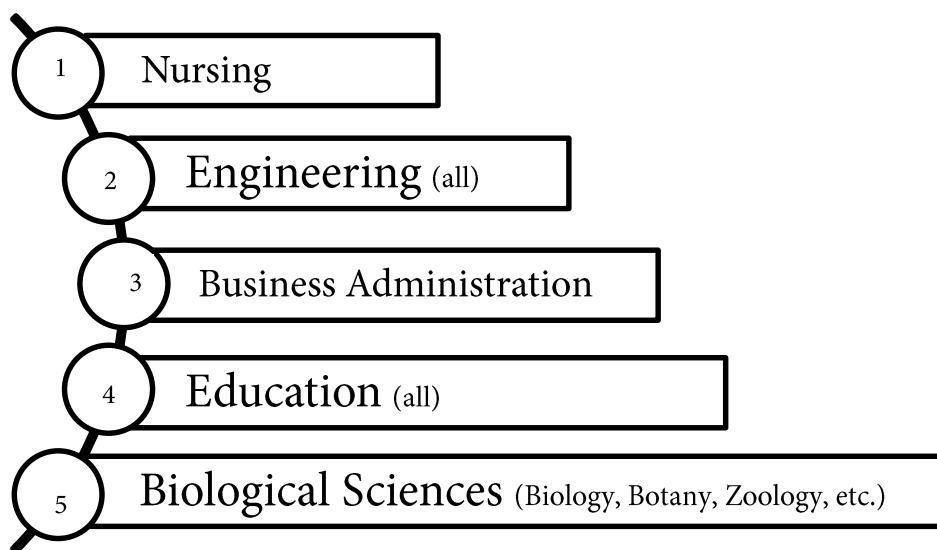
### *Where do Students Live?*

52% in St. Louis County  
30% in St. Louis City  
15% in Outer Missouri Counties  
3% in Illinois Counties

### *Top Five Institutions Attended by SF Students:*

St. Louis University, 53 students  
University of Missouri-Columbia, 52 students  
University of Missouri-St. Louis, 44 students  
Missouri State University, 43 students  
Southeast Missouri State University, 37 students

### *Top Five Majors of SF Students:*



## Student Demographics

### ***Degrees Earned:***

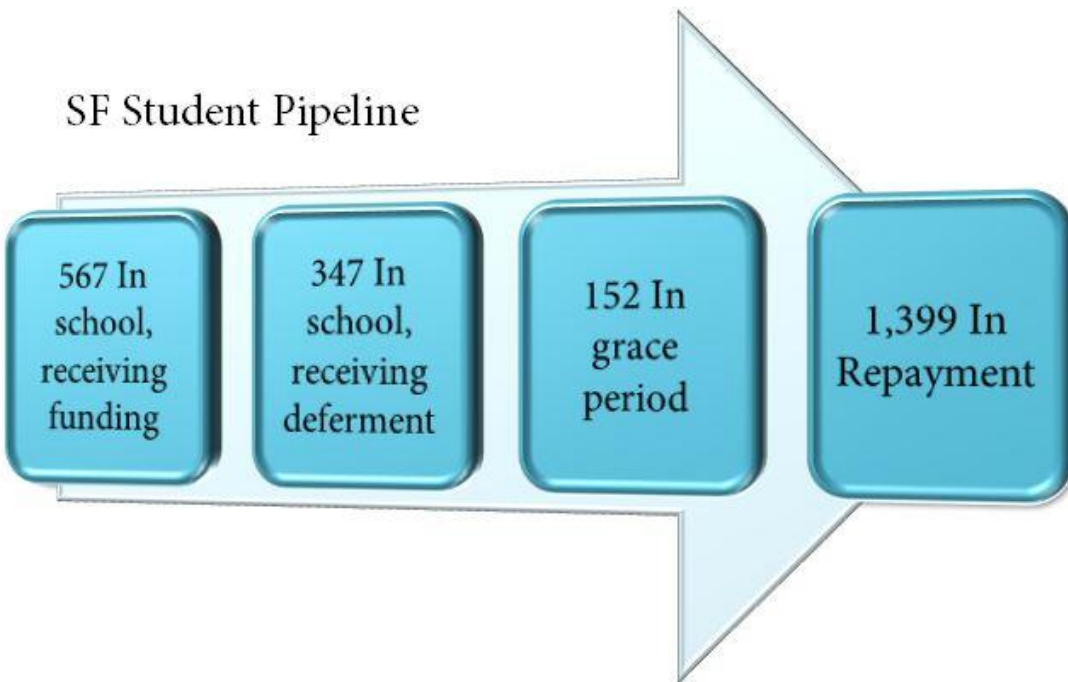
Of the 257 students originally scheduled to graduate in 2014, 67% completed degrees

43 are still in school (and thus 84% are on track and/or delayed but enrolled)

41, or 16%, are no longer enrolled

### ***How are Students Doing?***

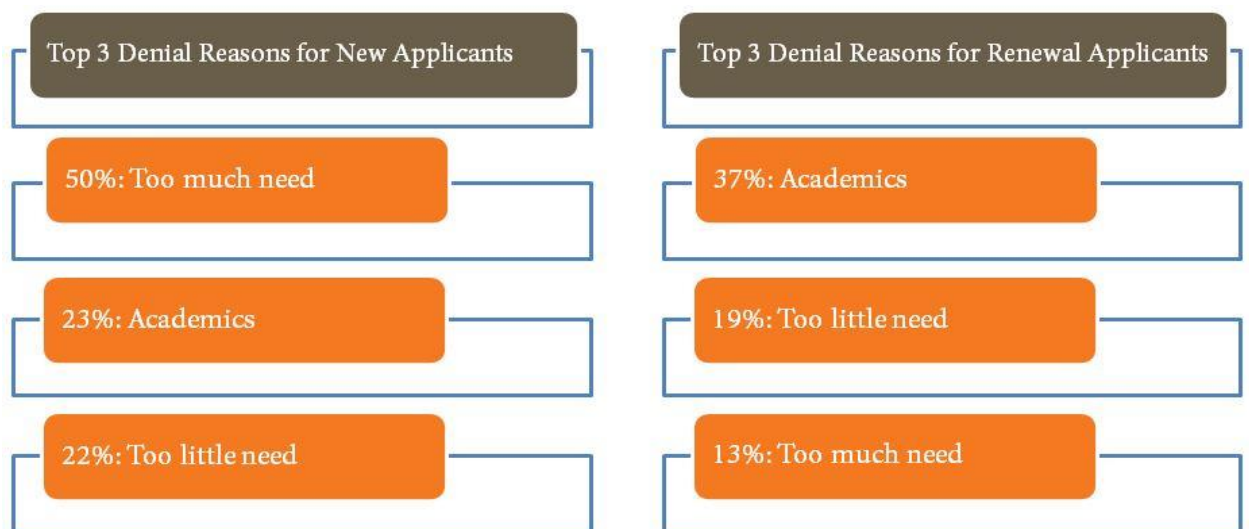
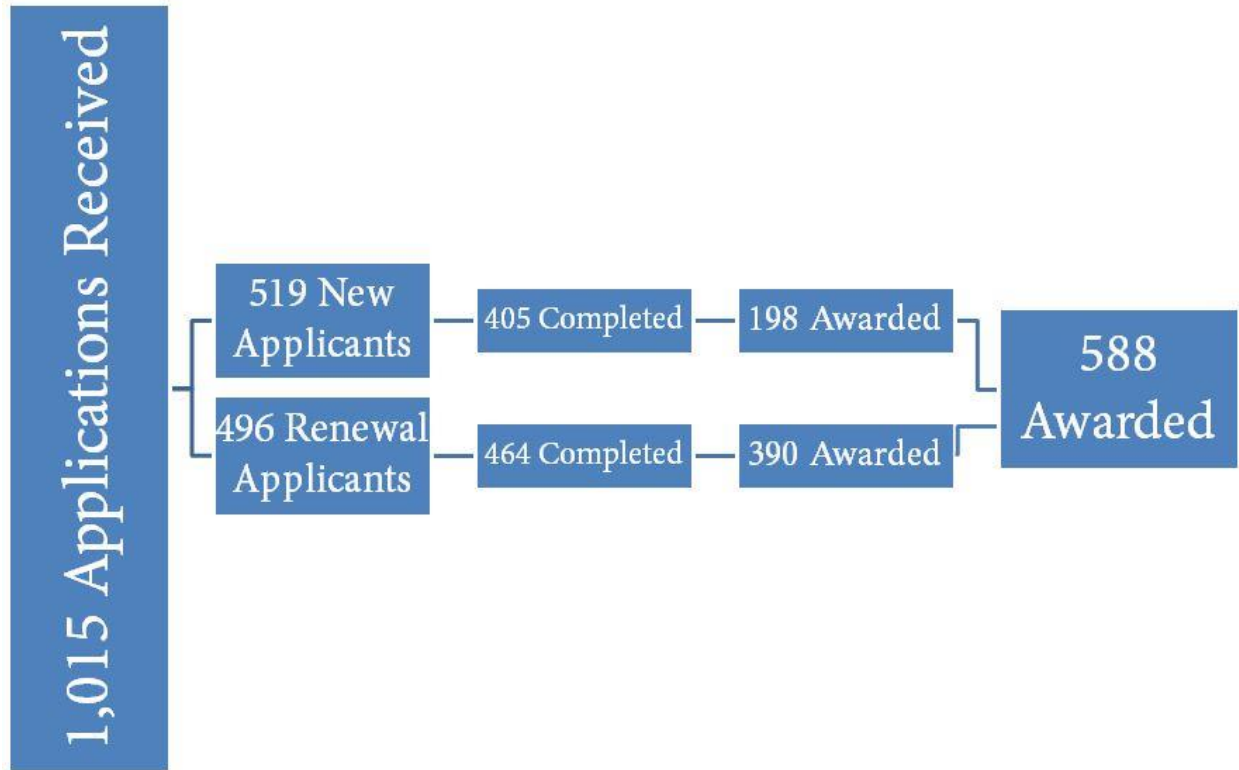
2,465 total students in the pipeline and 57% of them are in repayment



## Direct Financial Support

### *Applications:*

78% of students, new and renewal, who completed the application received funding.



## Direct Financial Support

### ***Interest-Free Loans and Grants:***

569 students, new and renewal, received an interest-free loan

The total amount of interest-free loans: \$3,216,218

Average loan amount: \$6,100

128 students, or 23% of all students, received the maximum \$9,000 loan

158 students<sup>7</sup> received a grant

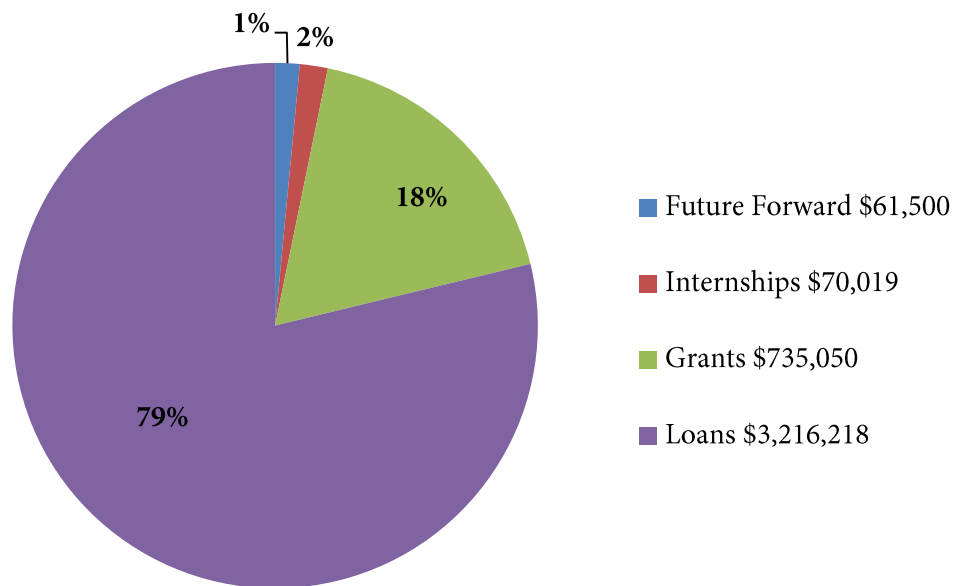
139 students received a grant in addition to their loan

The total amount of grants: \$796,550

Includes \$104,900 to 15 Centennial students and \$61,500 to 120 Future Forward students

Average grant amount: \$5,100

### **2014 Funds Allocated to Direct Financial Support**



\$4,082,787 Total Allocated to Direct Financial Support

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<sup>7</sup> Including 15 Centennial Collaboration students, 12 of which did not receive an interest-free loan

## Direct Financial Support

### ***Community-Based Internships:***

Employed 12 students, each at a different area nonprofit

Area Nonprofits for Community Based Internship Program		
★ Arch Grants	★ Mitrata Nepal Foundation	★ St. Louis Public Schools Foundation
★ College Summit-St. Louis	★ Old North Restoration Group	★ Shakespeare Festival St. Louis
★ Diversity Awareness Partnership	★ Rebuilding Together St. Louis	★ The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis
★ The Gateway Center for Giving	★ St. Louis Public Schools	★ Southside Early Childhood Center

More than 2,495 hours worked by Community Based Interns

\$53,321.50 total dollars earned by Community Based Interns

### ***Education Policy Internships:***

Employed 9 students(please note that this is two cohorts)

More than 807 hours worked by Education Policy Interns

\$16,697.50 total dollars earned by Education Policy Interns

Areas of concentration: Access Missouri and undocumented students

### ***Centennial Collaboration Scholarships:***

15 students received a scholarship

\$104,900 total dollars awarded

### ***Future Forward College Savings Program:***

8<sup>th</sup> graders from De La Salle Middle School, Marian Middle School, Wyman

42 students<sup>8</sup> enrolled, 100% participation for those eligible in 2014

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<sup>8</sup> The 120 students previously stated in this report was inclusive of the incoming cohort at Wyman who will then have the opportunity to enroll in spring 2015



# Student Advising Program

## ***Work with Students:***

- 10,867 students reached through various interactions
- 17 high school sites staffed with SF Student Advisors (spring 2014 and fall 2014)
  - 947 individual students worked with an Advisor in those sites
  - 172 days spent working in those sites
- 1,533 individual students advised *outside* of high school sites
- 12 postsecondary campus visits conducted
  - 132 students, cumulatively, attended a campus visit event with Advisors

## ***In the Community:***

- 20 community presentations
- 56 workshops with more than 800 (cumulative) attendees