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

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## Internships

| ★ Education Policy    | ★ Community-Based |

## Other

| ★ Future Forward College Savings |
Student Demographics

Who are Our Students (new and renewal)?
68% female, (nationally\(^1\) 56% of all postsecondary students are female)
36% self-identify as First Generation\(^2\)
94% are under the age of 25
77% receive Pell Grants\(^3\), (estimated) 44%\(^4\) of students nationally
Average cumulative GPA is 3.13

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\(^5\): $30,681

Average Expected Family Contribution (EFC):
$2,900\(^6\)

\(^1\) Most recent data from 2012
\(^2\) Based on those who self-identified as first generation; however, language on the SF application did not provide any definition of first generation.
\(^3\) Federal, need-based aid awarded to students with significant need
\(^4\) Based on estimates from National Center for Education Statistics and College Board
\(^5\) College Board, 2014
\(^6\) 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:

1. Nursing
2. Engineering (all)
3. Business Administration
4. Education (all)
5. Biological Sciences (Biology, Botany, Zoology, etc.)
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.

1,015 Applications Received

519 New Applicants
- 405 Completed
- 198 Awarded

496 Renewal Applicants
- 464 Completed
- 390 Awarded

588 Awarded

Top 3 Dental Reasons for New Applicants
- 50%: Too much need
- 23%: Academics
- 22%: Too little need

Top 3 Dental Reasons for Renewal Applicants
- 37%: Academics
- 19%: Too little need
- 13%: Too much need
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\(^7\) 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

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\(^7\) 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

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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:
8th graders from De La Salle Middle School, Marian Middle School, Wyman
42 students8 enrolled, 100% participation for those eligible in 2014

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8 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