The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis
2020 Annual Report

2020 began with rapid changes to the U.S. Department of Education and Division for need-based Pell Grant eligibility. Then, the COVID-19 pandemic hit in March, and the world changed overnight. Our staff and students navigated through a year-and-a-half of change and challenge and we are thrilled to report that we have emerged stronger and more resilient than ever before.

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LEADERSHIP

From major education policy changes at U.S. to unprecedented challenges, the Scholarship Foundation's Board of Directors has stepped up to the challenge. Under board president Tom Rosenbach's leadership, the Board has provided strategic guidance and countless resources designed to help students avoid being in the near and long term.

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AWARDS

In 2020, The Scholarship Foundation awarded $6.2 million to 1,486 students of great character and academic potential. Scholarships ranged from $500 to $5,000 per year, and were awarded to students attending 2- and 4-year colleges and universities across the region. Among the grants were 1,000 renewal awards totaling $4.5 million and 486 new awards totaling $1.7 million. The average grant award was $4,170 and the average cumulative award was $12,510. Students who received renewal awards had an average GPA of 3.3 and were on track to graduate in an average of 3.2 years.

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ADVOCACY

Legislative session came to a close on May 8, 2020. Throughout the Scholarship Foundation's Advocacy Committee worked to advance the interests of students and families. Efforts to protect the state's Access Missouri Scholarship and Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant programs were successful. Additionally, the Foundation's Advocacy Committee worked to increase the state's investment in need-based Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant (FTWIG) program. In 2020 the formation of the inaugural Student Policy Advisory Council was announced. The Council is comprised of 15 students from across the state of Missouri.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ADVOCACY

ADVISING

In 2020, The Scholarship Foundation's Advising Team provided remotely continued the individual and group advising services that students have come to rely on. Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Advising Team helped students navigate the college application process, financial aid, and college success. Additionally, the Advising Team worked with students to overcome barriers to college success. Among the barriers addressed were: transportation, childcare, housing, food insecurity, and mental health.

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FINANCIALS

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Every gift to The Scholarship Foundation propels the mission forward. The creative and dedicated generosity of our supporters is the driving force behind our success. Whether it's a gift of $5 or $5,000, we are grateful for the support of individuals, foundations, and businesses. Extraordinary privilege made possible by partnerships with individuals, families, foundations, and corporations that share our dedication to the many life-changing impacts of higher education as our community.

Gifts received between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020, are acknowledged in the pages below. Such contributions include gifts pledged or given in support, scholarship grant programs, special projects, the interest from our endowment, and in-kind donations. We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of this report. If you have questions or concerns regarding your donation, please contact Jeff Kiger, Director of Development, at 314-863-3000 ext. 3010 or jkiger@scholarshipfoundation.org. Thank you for your generosity and support. Your gift of impact is essential to increasing the number of deserved and promising students we can help in the future.

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