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lasmine Milone, Executive Director with Kevin Jahns, Chair



with you the impact of your support on the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria and in particular the students we assist. These pages will walk you through the highlights of another exciting year at the SFA, awarding over \$1.5 million in scholarships to 530 Alexandria City High School graduates. Serving on the SFA board allows me to see firsthand the influence our staff have on the growth of ACHS students year-round. Beyond the scholarships themselves, the concrete running timelines demonstrate the variety of opportunities provided to help nourish these students throughout the seasons of their high school careers and beyond. As always, the best part is hearing from our awardees themselves, as they can explain the impact of the SFA like no other. Of course, the success of the SFA and in turn the Titans we assist is dependent on the continued support of the community, supporters like each of you. We are extremely proud of the work the SFA does and very grateful for our financial contributors, volunteers, and partners of all types who help nurture the SFA. We thank you!—Kevin Jahns "THE FOLLOWING PAGES REVEAL more than just single events,

"AS ANOTHER YEAR ENDS, we are excited to once again share

select individuals or a calendar—it's how a cycle of relationships are built with our students and families, and of partnerships forged with each and every one of you who supports these driven and remarkable young people. What a privilege and joy it is to be a witness and participate in this journey. On the eve of the SFA's 40th year anniversary, we can say with certainty that we've accomplished a lot together. The SFA is a trusted community-based organization, and we are grateful and humbled that you choose to propel our mission and these future change makers we serve. You all continue to strengthen the legacy of this unique scholarship and postsecondary access organization for generations to come. Thank you.—Jasmine Milone

With deep gratitude from all of us,

Kevin Jahns, Chair, SFA Board of Trustees lasmine Milone, SFA Executive Director, TCW '85



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We are here to make sure students can understand their options.

This fall, the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria was one of just six communitybased organizations chosen from a nationwide pool of 80 to participate in the US Department of Education and Federal Student Aid Office's first beta testing period of the 2025-26 FAFSA. The SFA was then again selected for the fourth beta testing in November, allowing all ACHS seniors to apply early if they were ready. On October 2, nearly 100 ACHS students and families participated in

the Beta I testing, submitting 94 FAFSA forms successfully. November 18 saw another 65 submitting forms early. This means that the SFA and our ACHS community have become essential parts of the progress toward a smoother 2025-2026 FAFSA for all high school seniors across the United States.



Questbridge Scholarship Support

Senior College and Postsecondary Planning

Peer-Forward/AVID Outreach

Advising/Classroom Presentations

Posse Scholarship Nominations

SFA FAFSA Workshop Training

Get to Know College Advising/ Classroom Presentations





The Federal FAFSA Beta

testing involved staff and

NOVA, GMU, VCAC, NCAN,

volunteers from ACPS,

FALL ADVISING

ACHS College and Career Fair SFA/Department of Education FAFSA Beta Workshop

Virginia College Application Week (VCAW)

Association Annual Confere Financial Aid Planning for National Scholarship



Weekly "Appy Hour" for Students' College Planning SFA Application Opens





LEFT TO RIGHT, FRONT TO BACK Alyssa Samuel, Director of Scholarship Programming; Christine Miller, Director of College Advising; Jasmine Milone, Executive Director, laLynn Smith, SFA/VCAC Adviser: Loredana Diamantopoulos. Administrative Coordinator; Rosie Wiedemer, Events & Relationship Manager; Asta Jorgensen, SFA/ VCAC Adviser; Albie Dickson, Events & Relationship Manager, Latesha Jackson, Director of Operations; Cas Johnson, Director of Communications; and Sarah

SFA/Department of Education FAFSA Beta Workshop

Financial Aid Planning for

Middle School Families

SFA Scholarship Application Continues

FAFSA Completion Workshop

Weekly "Appy Hour"

Virginia College Access Network Annual Conference





SFA Scholarship Application Closes

Weekly "Appy Hour"

SFA Alumni Luncheon





SFA Application Readers' Training

Interpreting Financial Aid Award Letters

Academic Advising Night You've Been Admitted— Now What?



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ACPS helps us maintain locations at King Street and Minnie Howard.

The SFA is open in the College and Career Wing, King Street campus, and the LWing, Minnie Howard campus, in order to serve every student at Alexandria City High School.









Service Academy Recognition Ceremony SFA Award Ceremony

Decision Day!

In May, two important events—Decision Day and the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria Award Ceremony—are also two of the most inspiring celebrations of both scholars' and the community's efforts.

Building a College List Pres Interpreting Financial Aid Award Letters

SFA Application Reading Weekend

SFA Application Decisions

Junior College Planning

AVID Family Day

SFA Award Recipients Group Photo Admitted to College—Now What?









Seniors through the halls and stop by for



"Words cannot express how grateful and happy I feel, so instead I will show it by doing my absolute best and becoming the best version of myself I can possibly be during my time in college."

—Iris Rodriguez Rivera, Amazon Corporate Partner Scholarship

SFA is Open All Summer for

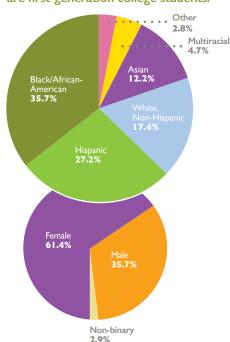
College Transition Support

Summer Recipient Send-Off

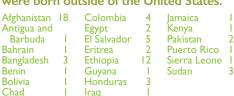
Staff Orientation and New SFA Staff Onboarding

64.3% 30.5%

137 of 213 2024 SFA Award Recipients are first-generation college students.



65 of 213 2024 SFA Award Recipients were born outside of the United States.



3.77

The average GPA of the 2024 SFA Award Recipients.

404

Record number of applications completed.

20 million

Total dollars awarded since 1986.





WHAT WE WANT TO DO BETTER...

Equity and access committment.

HOW WE ARE DOING IT...

Adhering to our mission: Through its relationship with the community, the mission of The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria is to encourage and assist the students of Alexandria City Public Schools by providing them with necessary resources to access and complete a college, technical or career program of postsecondary education.



SFA AWARD RECIPIENT CLASS OF 2024 COLLEGE CHOICES

American University, 2
Arizona State University
Aveda Arts & Sciences Institute
Arlington, 2
Bowie State University
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Case Western Reserve University
Christopher Newport University
College of Charleston
Columbia University, 2
Dartmouth College
Drexel University

ECPI University

Emerson College
George Mason University, 38
George Washington University, 4
Hawai'i Pacific University
Hobart and William Smith
Colleges
Hollins University
Howard University
James Madison University, 11
Liberty University
Lincoln University of Pennsylvania
Livingstone College, 3
Loyola University Maryland

Marymount University, 5
Massachusetts Institute of
Technology
Middlebury College
New York University
Norfolk State University, 3
North Carolina A&T State
University
Northeastern University
Northern Virginia Community
College, 19
Old Dominion University, 4
Pennsylvania State University

Prince George's Community
College
Purdue University
Saint Joseph's University
Spelman College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas Christian University
The College of William & Mary, 4
Tulane University
United States Marines
United States Air Force Academy
Preparatory School

United States Coast Guard
Academy
University of Edinburgh
University of Mary Washington, 3
University of Maryland,
Eastern Shore
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University Of Southern California
University of St Francis
University of Tampa

University of the District of
Columbia
University of Virginia, 26
University of Virginia at Wise
Ursinus College
Virginia Commonwealth
University, 22
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia State University, 3
Virginia Tech, 11
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University, 2
Winston Salem State University

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^{*} In an effort to save resources, we have discontinued the remittance envelope. When preferred, please mail your check to the SFA office at 3330 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Ways to help

GIVING HELPS US SEED SCHOLARSHIPS AND ADVISING

Spending your time with us is crucial to the mission of the SFA. We try to use resources wisely whether they are time or money.

RT A SCHOLARSH

In 2024, 28 new scholarships were awarded for the first time, enabling a total of 213 ACHS seniors to pursue their postsecondary plans.

Leaving a gift to the SFA in your will, by beneficiary designation, or by retirement plan distribution can be a good offset to future taxes and will change a student's life.

We know calendars are full! By attending any number of events, you will learn more about what your donation is nurturing.

PREAD THE GOOD WORDS

When you can point friends and colleagues to our website and social media, future Titans will benefit. Please share our mission.

You have talent and wisdom to share with our staff and students. Contact us today to help us all grow smarter and stronger.

"Supporting the SFA is one of the best things I do."

—Erin White, Mindy's Catering





"I was glad the SFA was there because I had no idea what the process was!"

—Anika Buster-Singleton, 1993 SFA award recipient, Portrait of Success, and current principal of Francis C. Hammond Middle School with daughter (Class of 2025) and husband, during the FAFSA Beta I night.



"For every dollar I have been given, I pledge to put forth an extra ounce of effort towards

pursuing my goals and achieving Donor-Named my dreams." **Scholarships** Gala & Auction 34% -Ben Delnegro, Stephen J. Kenealy Memorial Scholarship

Honor a Teacher 0.4% Titans 4 Scholars 0.6% Spring2ACTion 0.6% **Recurring Gifts** (online only) 0.6%

34.2%

Workplace Donation & Matching (including United Way) 1.0% Alexandria City & ACPS Payroll Deduction 0.6% Corporate Partners 5.5% Year End Appeal 5.4% Fall Fund Drive 3.0%



3238 656

Number of donations from individuals in prior FY.*

Total number of new donors in prior FY.*

* October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024

The unique partnerships promote the growth of students and scholarships.













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"I hope to one day be in a position to help other students achieve their dreams, just as [the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria] helped me."

—Annmarie Kamara, Charles Lindsay Jr. Automotive Scholarship

"The impact of this scholarship extends far beyond financial assistance; it serves as a spark for my aspirations to become an educator. Inspired by the dedicated educators who have influenced my own journey, I am committed to pursuing a career in teaching. Specifically, I harbor a deep-rooted desire to return to ACPS (Alexandria City Public Schools), where I once walked the halls as a student."

—Abuzar Amjad, Future Teacher Scholarship

Board of Trustees

"As a migrant student who has a low-income family, your scholarship gives me hope and the opportunity to pursue education even further by going to college. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity. This scholarship won't just help me pay my college tuition, it also teaches me the value of having a community that holds its members dear and valuable."

-Adnan Aram, Alexandria PTA

2024 SFA award recipient Sehar E Saba, TCW Class of 1968 Scholarship, and sister, speak with supporters at the SFA Gala Launch Breakfast in October.



Council Scholarship

Fitans 4 Scholars Club Begins

Power of the Titans

OCTOBER

SFA Guys' Night Event (Beer Bourbon & BBQ)

"Thank you for allowing me to make the sacrifices of my parents come into fruition. Through this scholarship I am no longer under significant financial stress on how I am able to pay for my college education. Your kindness is the reason I am able to continue on with my education freely. Please do not take lightly

supported by SFA through the generosity of people like you but also to be associated with this city by this scholarship's name. Though you may currently only know me by words, you have touched my life tangibly and deeply. Higher education has been my utmost priority since the word "college" gained meaning to me in elementary school, and having doors open that allow me to pursue those

"I am honored to not only be

"Growing up, I witnessed firsthand the challenges that poverty imposes on accessing education. This scholarship reinforces my belief that financial barriers should never hinder one's access to education, and it motivates me to work towards a future

—Jeslyn Hunter, Alexandria Jaycees Keyman Scholarship

the work that you are doing and understand that you are changing the lives of so many individuals counting myself.

goals without the threat of overarching financial burden is transformative."

-Yahney-Marie Sangaré, Alexandria Future

where I can contribute to my community by helping and saving people's lives [as a physician.]"

-Mohammad Fayaz Naqshbandi,

-Barcot Kumilachew, Hill Family Scholarshi_D

Board of Trustees Quarterly Meeting

SFA Annual Gala & Auction Planning

Impact Report Released

DECEMBER

Alexandria Scottish Walk Parade Women's Seasonal Soirée Legend Scholarship

Class of 1989 Scholarship

Fundraising Campaign Begins Titans 4 Scholars 8-Week SFA Annual Gala & Auction Planning

Campaign Continu







PTA/PTSA Presentations

SFA Annual Gala & Auction Planning

Kiawah House Donate

SFA All-Alumni Happy Hour

NOVEMBER

Power of the Titans







"Your generosity has not only lightened my financial burden but has also inspired me to strive for excellence

.—Bemnet Bitew, Ting Internet **Scholarship**

exciting journey ahead."

in everything I do. I am truly

grateful for this incredible

opportunity and will carry

the spirit of your kindness

with me as I embark on this

"Because of you my younger brothers can say they have a big sister in college, because of you my mom and dad can breathe a little easier knowing that a portion of their daughter's school is being covered, but most importantly because of you all of the younger versions of myself can be proud and happy that all of the hours spent on homework, sports, work, and community service were worth it."

-Sasha Dafkova, Charles E. Casey JD, Remember the Titans Memorial Scholarship "Last year, I actually was part of the inaugural group of Titans 4 Scholars, where we worked to raise more than \$10,000 to create another scholarship for the SFA to offer to a graduating senior. I will remember your hopes to inspire and encourage other Titans as I move forward in life, and try to live up to this and support future Titan generations as well!"

—Amrit Kaur, Class of 1989 Scholarship.

—Amnon Yonas, SFA 2024 Award

Scholars campaign SFA Annual כמייה & Auction planning Board of Trustees Quarterly Meeting

SFA Annual Gala & Auction FA Annual Gala R Auction Planning

APRIL

SFA Award Ceremony Honor a Teacher Scholarship Parties Decision Day!





SCHOLARSHIPS AS OF MAY 2024

Beyond the hundreds of named scholarships listed are dozens more made possible through individual donations.

1971 Original Titans Scholarship 21st Century University Scholarship A.A. Beiro Family Foundation Scholarship

ACHS Band Boosters Jazz Scholarship

ACHS Band Boosters Scholarship ACHS Culinary Arts Scholarship **ACHS Lacrosse Boosters Scholarship** ACHS Rugby Boosters—Cindi

Schieber Girls' Rugby Scholarship ACHS Rugby Boosters—Mathew Morey Boys' Rugby Scholarship

ACHS SGA/Fantastic Five Scholarship*

AJP-Aspiring Journalist Scholarship* Al Carter Scholarship

Alexander Duncan Scholarship* Alexandria City Public Schools Employees Scholarship

Alexandria Community Remembrance Project—Benjamin Thomas Memorial Scholarship*

Alexandria Community Remembrance Project—Joseph McCoy Memorial Scholarship*

Alexandria Council of PTA Scholarship

Alexandria Crew Boosters-John Steve Carbonell Catilo Memorial Scholarship

Alexandria Crew Boosters Scholarship

Alexandria Future Legends Scholarship*

Alexandria Gazette Packet Corporate Sponsor Scholarship

Alexandria Jaycees Community Service Scholarship*

Alexandria Jaycees Keyman Club Scholarship

Alexandria Lacrosse Club/The Katherine "KK" Harris McCart Memorial Scholarship

Alexandria Lacrosse Club/The Robert "Bob" K. Moir **Memorial Scholarship**

Alexandria Retired Teachers Association Scholarship

Alexandria Toyota, Inc. Corporate Partner Scholarship

ALVA Aerie 871 Fraternal Order of Eagles Scholarship*

Aly Khan Johnson/Cross Country, Track and Field Scholarship

Amazon Corporate Partner Scholarship

Amy McCracken TCW '87 **Memorial Scholarship**

Anthony L. Austin Memorial Scholarship Atlas Tech STEM Scholarship* Augusta "Dusty" Barbato Memorial Scholarship

Barbara McBane Harper TCW '86 Memorial Scholarship

Beth Lovain Scholarship

BMW of Alexandria Scholarship

Bonterra Corporate Partner Scholarship

Bradlee Merchants Association Scholarship

Brian and Michael Vaughan Memorial Scholarship

Charles Barrett PTA Scholarship Honoring Sara Constantinou

Charles E. Casey, JD Remember the Titans Memorial Scholarship*

Charles Lindsay Jr. Automotive Scholarship*

Chris Marshall Wrestling Scholarship Clara Speckart Memorial Scholarship*

Class of 1965/Irving Lindsey Memorial Scholarship

Class of 1989 Scholarship

Class of 2003/Marcia & Tom Fulham **Scholarship**

CNA Corporation Scholarship CommonWealth One FCU Academy of Finance Scholarship

CommonWealth One FCU ACHS **Scholarship**

Courtney Smith Memorial Scholarship

Dana Lawhorne Scholarship David J. Collison Memorial Scholarship

Dean Copeland Scholarship* Dee Campbell Memorial Scholarship

Del Ray Artisans/John Hiller Memorial Art Scholarship

Del Ray Artisans/Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship Del Ray Business Association

Scholarship Del Ray Citizens Association

Scholarship in Memory of Charles Hill

Del Ray Dads Scholarship in Memory of Phil Savarie Departmental Progressive Club

Donohoe Companies Corporate Partner Scholarship

Doug Fertig Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Alvin Crawley Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Erwin Bondareff Scholarship for **Health Sciences**

Dr. John Liebermann Jr. Scholarship Dr. Lois Berlin Scholarship

Dr. Manu and Shashi Patel Physics Scholarship

Dr. Morton Sherman Scholarship

Dr. Patricia Zissios Scholarship Dr. Robert W. Peebles Scholarship

Dr. Teh-Chang Shih Memorial Scholarship

Drew Wynne Foundation Scholarship*

Engin and Agnes Artemel Urban Planning Scholarship

Eric R. and Laura M. Wagner Scholarship*

Fannon Scholarship

Former School Board Chairs Scholarship

Friends of Alexandria Archaeology (FOAA) Kathleen M. Kelly Memorial Scholarship*

Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association Scholarship

Future Teacher Scholarship Gallifrey Scholarship for Social Enterprise

Gila S. Harris Scholarship Goodhart Group Scholarship Gwen C. Mullen Scholarship

H&R Block Corporate Partner Scholarship*

Henry Knox Field Masonic Lodge Scholarship

Hill Family Scholarship

Historic Alexandria Foundation Scholarship

Hon. Robert L. Calhoun Scholarship Howell Brett Medley Scholarship Inova Alexandria Hospital Healthcare

Career Scholarship Irving and Shirley Rubenstein Memorial Scholarship

Irving Lindsey Mathematics Trust Scholarship

J. Pondolfino/Academy of Finance Scholarship

Jack Esformes Scholarship Jack Taylor Scholarship Jane Temoshok Memorial

Scholarship Jennifer B. Modlin TCW '74 Memorial Scholarship

lim and Iris Hudgens Memorial Scholarship*

Jim Moran Scholarship

John C. Albohm Memorial Trust Scholarship

John Porter Scholarship Kara Mehrman Scholarship

*New scholarship as of 2024.

SCHOLARSHIPS AS OF MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

KBR Foundation, Inc. Corporate Partner Scholarship

Kenneth A. Barnett Girls' Athletic Scholarship

Kenneth A. Barnett Memorial **Baseball Scholarship**

Kerry Donley Memorial Scholarship Key Club Scholarship

Larry Trice PTSA/SCA Scholarship

Lawrence H. (Larry) Watson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Lordian and Maria Turner Scholarship*

Loti Dunn Memorial Scholarship Lou Cook Memorial Scholarship

Louis Kokonis Memorial Teaching Legend Scholarship

Lynhaven/Rosa Byrd Scholarship Madelyn Anderson Memorial Scholarship

Maginniss + del Ninno Architects Scholarship

Marcia L. Egge Memorial Scholarship Marco Henriquez T.C.W. '00 Memorial Scholarship

Marcus Family Scholarship

Marlin J. Coleman Memorial Scholarship

Mary Hatwood Futrell/Education Ássociation of Alexandria Scholarship

Michael D. Waller TCW '86 & Claudia C. Waller Memorial Scholarship

Michael S. Dixon Memorial Scholarship

Mildred Lockridge Scholarship* Mindy's Catering Corporate Partner Scholarship

Modern Campus Signal Vine Corporate Partner Scholarship

Mount Vernon Community School PTA/Magda Leon Scholarship

New Target, Inc. Corporate Partner Scholarship

Nigusu Tefera Scholars Fund North Ridge Citizens' Association Scholarship

Paul Joy Memorial Scholarship

Phillip & Anne & Ilsa Wheeler Trust Scholarship

POD Squad Scholarship Rahmatullah Hotaki Memorial

Scholarship Reworld Environmental Scholarship

RiverFront Wealth Advisors Corporate Partner Scholarship

Robert Eavenson Field Hockey Scholarship

Robert S. Rixse Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Rosen/Levine Scholarship

Rotary Club of Alexandria Scholarship

Sally Krahn Memorial Scholarship* Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School Scholarship

Scholarship Fund of Alexandria 2024 Award

Selene C. Carter Memorial Scholarship

Señora James Scholarship*

Sheriff Iim and Nancy Dunning Memorial Scholarship

Simpson Development Co., Inc. Scholarship

Staci C. L. Bradley Memorial Scholarship

Stephen J. Kenealy Memorial Scholarship

Stephen S. Rosenfeld Memorial . Scholarship

Susan Yowell Scholarship

TCW Class of 1968 Scholarship*

TCW Class of 1973 50th Reunion Scholarship*

Technomics Growth Scholarship Technomics Innovation Scholarship Technomics Nancy Hylton Merit

Scholarship Timothy Schuyler Elliott Memorial Scholarship

Ting Internet Scholarship* Titans 4 Scholars Scholarship

Titans for Public Service Scholarship*

Victoria Brooks Scholarship* Walter Scott Downs Memorial Scholarship

Washington Academy of Sciences Scholarship*

Whitestone & Franklin Scholarship Yasmin Groehn Memorial Scholarship

*New scholarship as of 2024.

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