This scholarship helps me succeed. It has given me self confidence and empowered me to work toward a better future.”

Gisela Molina Cruz '25
Hixson-Lied Success Scholar

Gisela Cruz is one of 85 students who has flourished in the Hixson-Lied Success Scholars program since its inception ten years ago. Gisela is a peer leader to first-year undergrads and helps other first-generation college students navigate campus life. The support she receives as a Hixson-Lied Scholar inspires her to believe in the program’s core tenet: Ordinary people can achieve extraordinary things.

Toree Robinson '24, JD '25
Emilie N. Wanderer Scholar

When Toree Robinson graduated from UNLV’s Greenspun College of Urban Affairs summa cum laude, she was accepted into five different law schools and offered scholarships at each one. She chose the William S. Boyd School of Law. Robinson plans to stay in Las Vegas and make a difference in the community she calls home.

“Without this scholarship, I would not have been able to attend Boyd law and work towards my dream of becoming an attorney. I hope to start my own scholarship later in my career.”

Ronsan Jordan Kimura Mendoza '26
Nevada Gold Mines Scholar

Ronsan Mendoza sees financial planning as a calling: a way to give a helping hand to the many people whose financial literacy skills are in the red. A finance major in the Lee Business School, Ronsan understands the transformational impact that his scholarship has had on his education – and on his family.

“First and foremost, my scholarship relieved my parents and me of a financial burden. We will be forever grateful.”

Mark Bowler '23
Douglas & Laurie Carson Scholar

Competing in the grueling Tough Mudder obstacle course with his Honors College teammates is just another challenge to be overcome by Mark Bowler. The construction management major is building a resume that includes starting an Associated General Contractors chapter at UNLV.

“I could not have had the amazing educational experience I did without this financial boost. You are truly a blessing to my life.”

2022 - 2023
New Scholarships

Anonymous (3)
Adrienne Bryce Cox Transfer Student Scholarship
Betsy Joiner-Flanagan Foundation Jumpstart Scholarship
Bobbe Allen Scholarship
Carrera-Joffee Scholarship
Child Care Assistance Scholarship for the UNLV College of Education
David B. Weiller Scholarship
Don and Dee Snyder Scholarship for the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine Class of 2026
Dr. John Pierce Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Ruben P. Diaz Pediatric Residents Scholarship
Dr. Tommy Moores Scholarship
Dwaine Knight Scholarship
Felipe Ortiz Scholarship in Criminal Justice
Fine Arts Alumni Chapter CSUN Scholarship
Glahnnia Rates Undergraduate Access and Equity Scholarship
Grand Canyon Development Partners Career Pathways
Heavey Family Scholarship
Hilton Foundation DEI Initiatives Scholarship
James H. Bilbray Scholarship
Joey Marlow Scholarship
Joseph and Evelyn Grigopodi Accounting Scholarship
Joyce P. Adams and Pasquale C. Mauro Nursing Scholarship
K. Warren Volker, M.D. Scholarship Endowment
Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine Class of 2026 Scholarship
Krishan Kumar Mishra Memorial Engineering Scholarship
Lee Business School Alumni Board Scholarship Endowment
LIBERTY Dental Plan Scholars
Megan C. Delaney Memorial Scholarship founded by Anthony and Olga ’81 Maestas
Michael S. Liefert Scholarship Endowment
Minority Health Consultants Scholarship
Nathan J. Lindsay Brain Health Fellowship
Nevada Gold Mines Career Pathways Scholarship
Paul and Sandy Houdayer Scholarship
Rainone Family Scholarship
Robert J. Hersh Memorial Scholarship
Rubin Brown Charitable Foundation Scholarship
Synergos Companies Career Pathways Scholarship
Tony and Renee Marlon Scholarship for Class of 2026
Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Student Success Retention/Progression/Completion Scholarships
Wallace C. Kolberg Engineering Scholarship
Scholarships by the Numbers
Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

10.4 million
Private dollars + pledges raised for scholarships
[as of 5.4.23]

11 million
Privately funded scholarship dollars awarded

7,000
Individual scholarship awards funded

$1,570
Average award

$9,100
In-state tuition per year, undergrad

$6,900
In-state tuition per year, graduate*

* Does not include professional schools: dental, law, medicine

Generosity Creates Possibility

Scholarship donors and students have a chance to meet and share stories at the annual Art of Scholarship reception. This year’s event was held on April 20, 2023 at the Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art.

“It is a great feeling to receive a scholarship from someone who never met you but still believes in you and your potential.”

Mai Hoang ’23, Hospitality
Mekjian Family Merit Scholar

“I worked as a cook to get through college, so I like to help other students stay in school without worrying about how to pay tuition. Giving back to a hospitality student feels like I’ve come full circle.”

Mike Mekjian, Donor
Mekjian Family Merit Scholarship

Mai Hoang, left, with Maureen and Mike Mekjian

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