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2026 Impact Report

Scholars pictured from the top left

Sonia
UNT 2026

Munise
UTD 2026

Ebubechukwu
TAMU 2026

David
UT 2026



DAN HOOPER,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Celebrating What You Have Made Possible

Dear ScholarShot Stakeholders:

What a blessing it is to see our first-generation Scholars succeed in their degree plans, earn degrees, and enter our workforce career-ready. As of the end of 2026, ScholarShot will have **graduated 282 students**. Based on the US Department of Labor, these graduates will add **$282 million in boosted lifetime earnings** to the Texas economy. But it's more than just money. **It's lives changed. It's God-given potential fulfilled. It's generations that will benefit from first-generation degree earners.**

None of this would be possible without the persistent and generous donations from **YOU – our individual, foundation, and corporate partners**. We are beyond grateful for the sustaining and impactful contributions you make.

Here are a few 2026 highlights:

- ScholarShot maintained its 90%-degree completion rate for its Scholars. This is quite a contrast to our state, in which 9 out of 10 first-generation students enrolling in college drop out.
- The average debt of our graduates is $1,371 per degree. Also, a contrast to our state's average of $41,326.
- ScholarShot has three pieces of proposed legislation for the 2027 session that would close critical gaps in transparency and accountability of our K – 16 system.
- We launched our Premium GapApp tool to improve postsecondary outcomes and generate an earned revenue stream for ScholarShot.

The ScholarShot staff continues to do exceptional work in fulfilling our mission of **Changing Lives with College Degrees**. Thank you for your support and investment in our transformative work.

Blessings,
Dan Hooper, Founder & Executive Director

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Graduates and Academic Managers at the 2026 Graduate Luncheon



Anette
Tarleton 2026

Dear ScholarShot,

I wanted to sincerely thank you for your continued generosity. Your support has made a meaningful difference in my college career. Knowing that you believe in my education and are willing to invest in my future means more than I can fully express. Your kindness and generosity are truly appreciated. I hope that someday I can make a difference in someone's life the way you have in mine.

Thank you note from
Scholar, Andrea
Dallas College



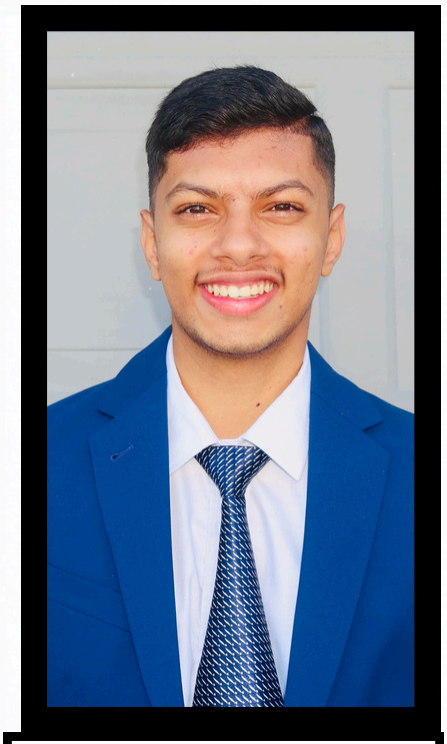
Mohammed
UNT 2026

ScholarShot's mission is to support first-generation students in achieving career-ready certificates or degrees to strengthen the Texas workforce and improve institutional outcomes.

90 % Graduation Rate

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282 Graduates to date



Kri Neupane
ScholarShot Alum, class of 2026. Kri is a Cybersecurity Engineer at Acadia Healthcare.

"ScholarShot was one of the best things that ever happened to me. Many scholarships and organizations help students succeed, but ScholarShot's impact on my life went far beyond financial support. They stood beside me through the decisions, challenges, and opportunities that shaped my future.

From choosing a university and preparing for tech certifications to finding internships and connecting with mentors, ScholarShot helped me turn my ambitions into real possibilities. Through their partner companies, I built connections that opened doors. They helped me learn how to present myself professionally - and, more importantly, how to believe that my voice belonged in those spaces.

When my family struggled financially, ScholarShot was there for me. That support meant more than I can put into words. It gave me the chance to keep moving forward when my future felt uncertain.

I would not be where I am today without ScholarShot. They believed in me while I was still learning to believe in myself, and I will always carry that with me." -Kri Neupane



ScholarShot Alumni organized a 5K to benefit ScholarShot in Septemeber.

D Magazine NonProfit of the Year Finalist



Scholars and Alumni at Captial One's Plano campus in June.

In April 2026, ScholarShot updated its Texas Public University Report Card. The update focused on the total cost of attendance at Texas schools, despite the tuition freeze and the impact of rising costs on students. ScholarShot presented the update at the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce Education and Workforce Committee's monthly meeting. The update marks a shift from an annual Report Card publication to publishing every other year, in response to lags in state and federal data reporting. Check out the Report Card and the update under Programs on the ScholarShot website.

STATEWIDE IMPACT

ScholarShot published the Texas Public Education Roadmap to Produce a Career-Ready Workforce, which provides three recommendations for better outcomes based on ScholarShot's best practices: inclusion of career literacy in the now-required personal financial literacy course for high school students, data-driven standards and tools for postsecondary advisement, and a transparent financial gap analysis for students by higher education institutions. ScholarShot introduced each recommendation to the Texas Legislature during the Interim Charges for the 90th Session. In August 2026, ScholarShot's Director of Institutional Improvement, Christina Etri, testified before the Senate Finance Committee and the House of Representatives Higher Education Committee in support of these recommendations. ScholarShot hopes these recommendations will eventually become part of the fabric of public education after the 90th Session.



Annaka
UT 2026

The Premium version of the GapApp has been completed! ScholarShot received funding to bring it to the market and begin to generate an earned revenue stream.



2026 SCHOLAR DATA

SCHOLAR PROGRAM



Hector is pursuing a certification in Cardiac Sonography from Dallas College. With his strong GPA, diligent habits, and warm heart, Hector will be a huge success as he moves forward.



Noemi is a mom and a nursing student at TWU. She completed an externship with Children's Hospital this summer and hopes to participate in their STEP program, a plan that works to place interns into full-time employment upon graduation. Noemi will graduate in 2027 with a Bachelor of Science.



ScholarShot welcomed its largest class ever this year with 60 new Scholars!



The Scholar Program is the heart of our work. In 2026, ScholarShot added a new Academic Manager to the team, bringing our total capacity for active Scholars to 200.



The Academic Management Team

ScholarShot formed new relationships in 2026 to support the mental health of our students more completely! Our wholehearted thanks to the Byrne Foundation and the Canneta Foundation.

SCHOLAR PROGRAM

In 2026, ScholarShot began highlighting Scholars who are doing extraordinarily well as our Scholar of the Month



Noel, Anaka, and Mohammed--First-year med students



Noemi--TWU Nursing



Jasmine-UT Pre-Law



Twins Louisa--UNT Political Science and Alexandra--TAMU International Studies



Accenture Interns



Valeria--UNT Finance



Hugo--UTA Construction Management



Juan-UTD Computer Engineering



Hope-UTD Pre-Med

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Our Graduate Luncheon showcases the power of community, bringing people together to celebrate the achievements and bright futures of our graduates.Thank you for making a lasting impact.



Dalia, Academic Manager (far right), and her 2026 graduates



Manny and Betsy Ybarra, 2025 Honorary Chairs



Team from TIAA, title sponsor



Cathy McEarchern, Event Chair



Check in Volunteers



Natalie Hadad, MC (far right)
Cayro Bustos, alumni speaker, (center)
Dalia Espinoza (far left)



David Perez, graduate speaker
Fabricio Perez, David's proud father

Graduate Luncheon 2026

Social Impact Partners

Social Impact Awards honor corporate partners who engage with ScholarShot through funding, volunteering, career workshops, and providing internships and employment for our Scholars. To learn how you can partner with ScholarShot, scan the QR code.

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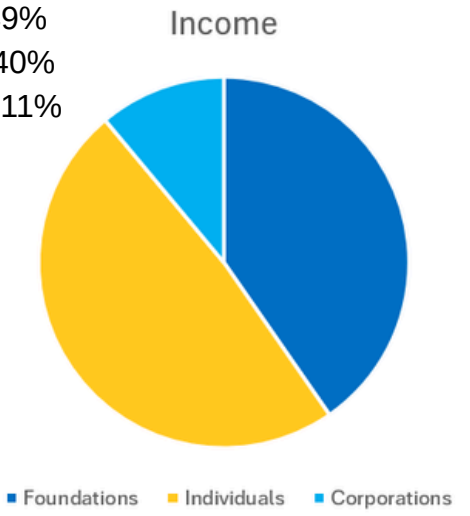
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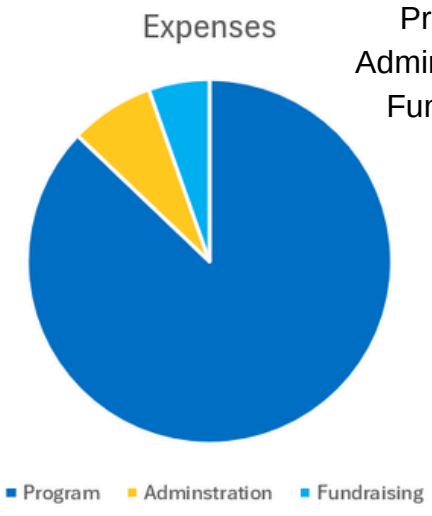
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Financial Reporting

Individuals: 49%
Foundations: 40%
Corporations: 11%





Program: 82%
Administration: 12%
Fundraising: 6%

ScholarShot is funded by people like you who believe in first-generation students!

$50 will help a Scholar pay their utility bill each month.

$100 provides a Scholar with gas for one month.

$250 will feed a Scholar for one month.

$500 will provide housing for a Scholar for 1 month.

$1,000 will provide books for a semester.

$1,500 funds Academic Management per Scholar each year.

$2,500 will go toward Tuition for one year.

$5,000 will fund a ScholarShot Scholar for one year.

Change Lives With College Degrees!

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Celebrate Success. Empower the Future.

We invite you to join us for the 2027 Graduate Luncheon — an inspiring event honoring our first-generation college success. Become a sponsor or reserve your table today and help make more graduation stories possible.



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ScholarShot Staff at 2026 Graduate Luncheon



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