

10 Years of Equity & Impact

BROOKLINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS FOR BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL

1,490

donors

Ten years ago, a group of caring community members teamed up with the Brookline Community Foundation (BCF) to establish a new fund to support the postsecondary ambitions of Brookline youth. The BCF Scholarship Fund for Brookline High School helps close the gap in financial need for graduating seniors to attend the college or vocational program of their choosing. Thanks to many generous gifts and well-planned investments, BCF now manages a total of 8 scholarship funds that have generated over \$3.1M.

218

scholarships awarded

Together with your support, the BCF Scholarship Funds help dozens of deserving college-bound students each year. Our goal is to continue harnessing community support to expand this local funding source until every Brookline High School graduate has the financial backing they need to achieve their postsecondary dreams.

\$473,570

disbursed

A growing pool of local support

— # OF SCHOLARSHIPS
— \$ AMOUNT GRANTED

2024
\$195,000

The BCF Scholarship Funds

- BCF Scholarship Fund for Brookline High School (2014)
- Harold Brown Scholarship Fund (2014)
- Thomas P. Hennessey Scholarship Fund (2014)
- Hodgman-Pike Scholarship Fund (2019)
- Piltch Family Scholarship Fund (2020)
- Olga Blasser Scholarship Fund at BCF (2021)
- Beverly Skende College Scholarship Fund (2022)
- Steps to Success Scholarship Fund (2022)

FY15
\$15,000

FY16
\$12,450

FY17
\$20,900

FY18
\$24,500

FY19
\$36,700

FY20
\$48,900

FY21
\$62,600

FY22
\$70,820

FY23
\$181,700



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Brookline responds to a growing need

RISING COLLEGE COSTS

\$20,030

average annual cost of a 4-year public university in 2023 (College Board)

\$56,190

average annual cost of a 4-year private university in 2023 (College Board)

\$45,300

average cumulative debt for 4-year college graduates four years after graduation (National Center for Education Statistics)

UNMET NEED IN BROOKLINE

100%

of BCF Scholarship awards go to students with demonstrated financial need

90.5%

of BHS grads typically attend a 2- or 4-year college

15.5%

of BHS students come from households below the 185% poverty threshold (\$55,500 annual income for a family of four)

Brookline is home to a uniquely diverse and ambitious youth population, and the Brookline Community Foundation (BCF) plays a special role in supporting its success. The good news: A large majority of Brookline High School graduates matriculate to college, putting themselves on track to access high-skilled careers. The challenge: As college costs continue to rise, low- and moderate-income households cannot keep up. Typical need-based financial aid packages do not cover the full cost burden for students and their families. Other types of scholarships, meanwhile, tend to widen rather than close racial and economic inequities among collegegoers.

Community foundations are well-positioned to address inequities in college access by directing local dollars to the students with the greatest financial need.

INEQUITABLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Students from the highest

25%

income bracket receive more nonfederal aid on average than students from the bottom 25%. (National Center for Education Statistics, 2019)

66%

of first-generation collegegoers incur debt for their education, compared with 56% of those with a college-educated parent. (Pew Research Center, 2021)

59%

of white students attending a private college received an institutional "merit" scholarship compared with

53% & 51%

of Latinx & Black students. (National Center for Education Statistics, 2023)

HOW BCF SCHOLARSHIPS BRIDGE THE GAP

For most students with financial need, federal grants and other scholarships only cover a portion of their total costs, leaving the rest to be covered by loans or family contributions. The BCF Scholarship Funds help to reduce that gap with need-based awards that make a college degree more affordable.

— TOTAL COST OF COLLEGE —

— AVERAGE FINANCIAL AID —

FAMILIES & LOANS

BCF



Jackson Moreno-Field
Brookline High School 2016
Tulane University 2020
1st Hennessey Scholarship recipient

“As an ambitious Brookline High School senior with my sights set on Tulane University, the cost of attending a four-year private university was demoralizing. After taking all honors and AP classes and spending countless

nights staying up late to complete my hefty workload following rowing practice, the greatest barrier I faced was economic rather than academic. The Hennessey Fund scholarship brought me one step closer to being able to attend Tulane.

Eight years later, I am a Tulane graduate and a manager at a marketing agency in New York. I love what I do, and I’m grateful to have had the opportunity to prepare myself for a career in marketing at Tulane.”

218 Dreams supported

BCF SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECIPIENTS HAVE USED THEIR AWARDS TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS:

American University, Amherst, Arizona State, Babson, Bard, Barry, Bates, Beloit, Bennington, Bentley, Berklee College of Music, Boston College, Boston Conservatory, Boston University, Bowdoin, Brandeis, Bridgewater State, Brown, Bunker Hill Community College, Carleton, Carnegie Mellon, Case Western Reserve, Catholic University, Champlain, Clark, Colby, Colby-Sawyer, Colorado, Colorado State, Columbia, Concordia, Connecticut, Cornell, Curry, Dartmouth, Earlham, Eckerd, Emmanuel, Endicott, Eugene Lang, Fairfield, Fisher, Fitchburg State, Florida International, Fordham, Framingham State, George Washington, Gettysburg, Guilford, Hamilton, Hampshire, Hartwick, Harvard, Ithaca, Johns Hopkins, Johnson & Wales, Juniata, Lewis & Clark, Long Island, Marlboro, Massachusetts Bay Community College, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, McGill, Montana State, Mount Ida, New England Conservatory of Music, New York University, Newbury, North Shore Community College, Northeastern, Oberlin, Old Dominion, Parsons, Penn State, Pitzer, Plymouth State, Pratt Institute, Princeton, Providence, Purdue, Quinnipiac, Reed, Regis, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rhode Island, Rhode Island School of Design, Roanoke, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rollins, Roxbury Community College, Rutgers, Salem State, Santa Clara, Santa Monica, Sarah Lawrence, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Siena, Simmons, Skidmore, Spelman, St. John’s, St. Mary’s, Stanford, Stetson, Suffolk, Syracuse, Temple, Culinary Institute, Trinity, Tufts, Tulane, Union, University of Arizona, UCLA, UC Santa Barbara, University of Colorado, University of Connecticut, University of Delaware, University of Hartford, University of King’s College, University of Maine, University of Maryland, UMass Amherst, UMass Boston, UMass Dartmouth, UMass Lowell, University of Miami, University of Michigan, University of New Hampshire, University of North Carolina, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, University of Puget Sound, University of Rhode Island, University of Rochester, University of Southern California, University of Texas, University of Vermont, University of Wisconsin, Vassar, Wake Forest, Washington University, Wellesley, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Wesleyan, Wheaton, Yale

Advancing college equity for the next decade

“I give because postsecondary education holds the promise of being a game changer. Donating gives me hope in and for the next generation. With that as the payoff, why wouldn’t I give?”

Adele W. Pike, RN, EdD

Brookline students are ambitious, and Brookline donors must be too. Highly skilled jobs will continue to require post secondary education and credentials in the coming decades, and there is no expectation that college costs will decrease in the years ahead. Brookline’s Steps to Success American Rescue Plan grant, which provided \$90,000 in annual scholarship support to graduating seniors, will end in 2026. Brookline students need our support.

To keep our promise to local students and to continue to advance equity in college access in our community, the Brookline Community Foundation has set ambitious fundraising goals for the next decade. Your contributions will allow us to increase the total number, size, and duration of scholarship awards well into the future. We need your support!

Donors make a difference

You can help. Every new gift or planned contribution will help current and future Brookline students achieve their college dreams. When you pool your gifts with others and invest collectively via BCF endowed funds, your contribution grows in impact over time.

There are several ways to expand scholarship support for Brookline High School.

Make a one-time donation.

Make a recurring gift.

Create an endowed scholarship fund.

Make a planned or legacy gift.

Our Mission

The Brookline Community Foundation creates opportunity and promotes equity through the transformative power of giving. We envision a better Brookline for all in which every member of the Brookline community can prosper and thrive.

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