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*Scholars
Served*

Infinite



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Scholars

"The Possibilities are Infinite"

**2025-2026
NATIONWIDE
IMPACT
REPORT**



Scholarships Offered
\$302+ MILLION



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Our Story...2025–2026 Academic Year Review



The 2025–2026 academic year marked one of the most impactful years in the history of the Infinite Scholars Program.

During this record-setting year, scholars received more than \$302 million in scholarship offers, representing the highest scholarship total awarded in a single academic year since ISP was founded. This historic achievement reflects the power of access, preparation, partnership, and opportunity.

The purpose of the 2025–2026 Nationwide Impact Report is to document the measurable impact of ISP's work across the United States and to share the outcomes made possible through the support of our colleges, universities, community partners, volunteers, donors, school districts, families, and scholars. This report provides a clear picture of how ISP continues to remove barriers to higher education by connecting students with scholarship opportunities, college admissions pathways, career readiness resources, and supportive networks that help make their dreams attainable.

More than a celebration of numbers, this report tells the story behind the impact. It highlights the scholars who took bold steps toward their futures, the communities that showed up in support of student success, the volunteers who gave their time and talent, and the partners who helped expand access to life-changing educational opportunities.

As ISP looks ahead, this report also serves as a call to continued action. The need for affordable college access, career readiness, and student-centered support remains urgent. Through stronger partnerships, increased investment, and continued national collaboration, ISP is positioned to expand its reach, deepen its impact, and help even more scholars turn possibility into lasting success.

MISSION...

Infinite Scholars Program (ISP) Provides All Scholars With Access
To Innovative Higher Education And Career Readiness
Opportunities That Prepare Them To Thrive
In A Global Economy.



VISION...

To Provide All Scholars With Access To Resources
That Promote The Importance Of Higher Education
And Career Opportunities That Last A Lifetime.



VALUES...

THE RIGHT APPROACH

Respect
Integrity
GratITUDE
Hope
Trust



\$2+ BILLION
IN SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS

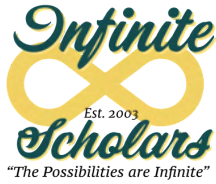
200,000+ SCHOLARS
SERVED THROUGHOUT THE NATION

SUCCESSFULLY
EMPOWERING

OUR YOUNGER GENERATION

SINCE 2003

Message from the Vice Chairman



Dear Friends, Supporters, and Community Partners,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to express my sincere gratitude to every donor, volunteer, partner, staff member, and community advocate who has helped advance the mission of Infinite Scholars Program.

This past year has reminded us that meaningful impact does not happen by accident. It happens when people choose to give their time, resources, wisdom, and trust to a mission greater than themselves. Because of your support, Infinite Scholars Program has been able to continue serving the community with purpose, compassion, and commitment.

As Vice Chairman, I have had the privilege of witnessing the heart behind this work. I have seen the dedication of leadership, the commitment of volunteers, the generosity of donors, and the real difference this organization makes in the lives of the people we serve. Every act of support matters. Every partnership strengthens the mission. Every contribution helps move us closer to a stronger, more sustainable future.

We also recognize that stewardship is a responsibility we do not take lightly. The resources entrusted to this organization represent more than dollars. They represent belief, sacrifice, and confidence in our ability to serve with integrity. That is why we remain committed to using every gift wisely, aligning our work with our mission, and building the systems needed to expand our impact responsibly.

While we are grateful for what has been accomplished, we also understand that the need before us continues to grow. This is a defining moment for Infinite Scholars Program. To meet the community's needs and ensure long-term sustainability, we need to continue strengthening our programs, partnerships, operations, and funding capacity.

Our vision for the future is bold, but it is also necessary. We are not simply working to maintain what exists today. We are working to build a stronger foundation for tomorrow. With increased investment and continued partnership, we can expand our reach, improve our services, deepen our impact, and ensure that this mission continues to serve those who need it most.

To every person who has supported this work, thank you. Your generosity has helped carry the mission forward. Your trust has strengthened our resolve. Your partnership has made a difference.

As we look ahead, I invite you to continue walking with us. Together, we can move this organization from meaningful service to sustainable impact, from limited capacity to expanded reach, and from possibility to lasting change.

With gratitude and commitment,

Dr. Chelsea Tyus

Dr. Chelsea Tyus
Vice Chairman, Board of Directors



Meet Infinite Scholars Program's Founder/President/CEO

Mr. Thomas “T” Ousley is the Founder, President, and CEO of the Infinite Scholars Program. A lifelong educator and advocate for student success, Mr. Ousley has dedicated his career to expanding access to higher education and creating pathways of opportunity for scholars across the nation.



A graduate of the University of Missouri, Mr. Ousley earned a degree in Linguistics and a certification in Education. He also holds a master’s degree in Reading from the University of Missouri–Columbia and a master’s degree in Educational Administration from the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Before founding ISP, he served students for 29 years in the Jennings School District and retired in 2008 as Director of Attendance and Summer Work Programs.

In 2003, Mr. Ousley founded the Infinite Scholars Program, which has grown into one of the nation’s leading college access organizations. Since its founding, ISP has served more than 200,000 scholars and helped students receive more than \$2 billion in scholarship offers. Through ISP’s nationwide scholarship fairs, students are connected directly with colleges, universities, trade schools, scholarship opportunities, admissions representatives, and life-changing postsecondary resources.

THOMAS “T” OUSLEY

Mr. Ousley’s leadership extends beyond ISP. He is a lifetime member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and has served in several state and regional leadership roles. He has also been involved with the 100 Black Men of America in St. Louis, Missouri and Jacksonville, Florida, where he supported scholarship initiatives, and he holds honorary memberships with Urban League chapters in Chattanooga, Tennessee and Kansas City, Missouri.

Throughout his career, Mr. Ousley has received recognition from members of the United States Congress, city government leaders, educational institutions, and community organizations for his commitment to education, equity, and service. His work with college access, mentoring, scholarship development, and student advancement has helped open doors for generations of scholars.

Mr. Ousley’s legacy is rooted in a simple but powerful belief: when students are given access, guidance, and opportunity, their possibilities are infinite.





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ISP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

8,035

Scholars Served
Throughout The Nation!

Scholarship Offers
\$302,209,999

Participating Colleges & Universities

164

High Schools Represented
Throughout The Nation

647

Volunteers

134

2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR NATIONWIDE IMPACT

HOSTED 20 NATIONWIDE FAIRS

At The Following Locations

- Kansas City, Missouri
- St. Louis, Missouri
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Cincinnati, Ohio
- Gary, Indiana
- Lansing, Illinois
- Chicago, Illinois
- Charlotte, North Carolina
- Calumet City, Illinois
- Richmond, Virginia
- Stonecrest, Georgia
- Anniston, Alabama
- Jacksonville, Florida
- Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- DeSoto, Texas
- Miami, Florida

2025-2026 NATIONWIDE SCHOLARS DASHBOARD

Overview

Academics

Demographics

Locations

Academic Averages

GPA
3.39

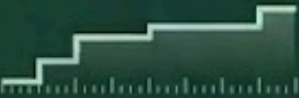


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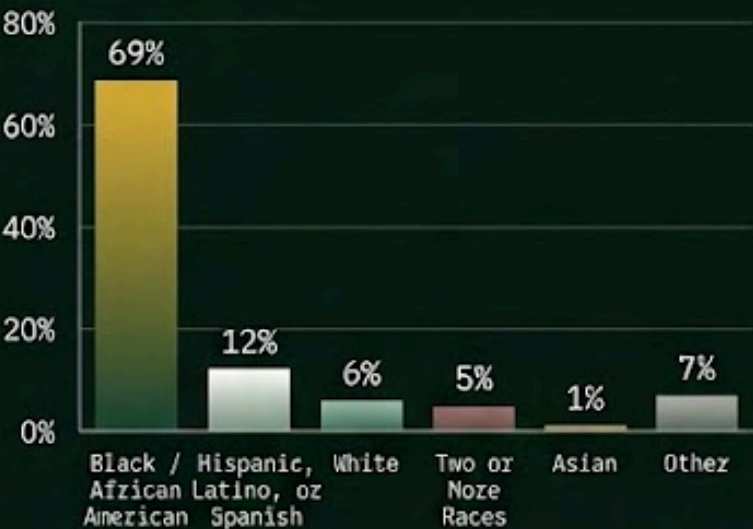
ACT
20



SAT
1082



Ethnicity



Gender Distribution

Female	Male	Other
61%	37%	2%

519

Scholastic Highlight

Scholars reported achieving a 4.0 or higher cumulative GPA.

First-Generation Metric



42% First-Gen Scholars

Geographic Footprint

Top Cities & Regions Represented



Top Cities List:

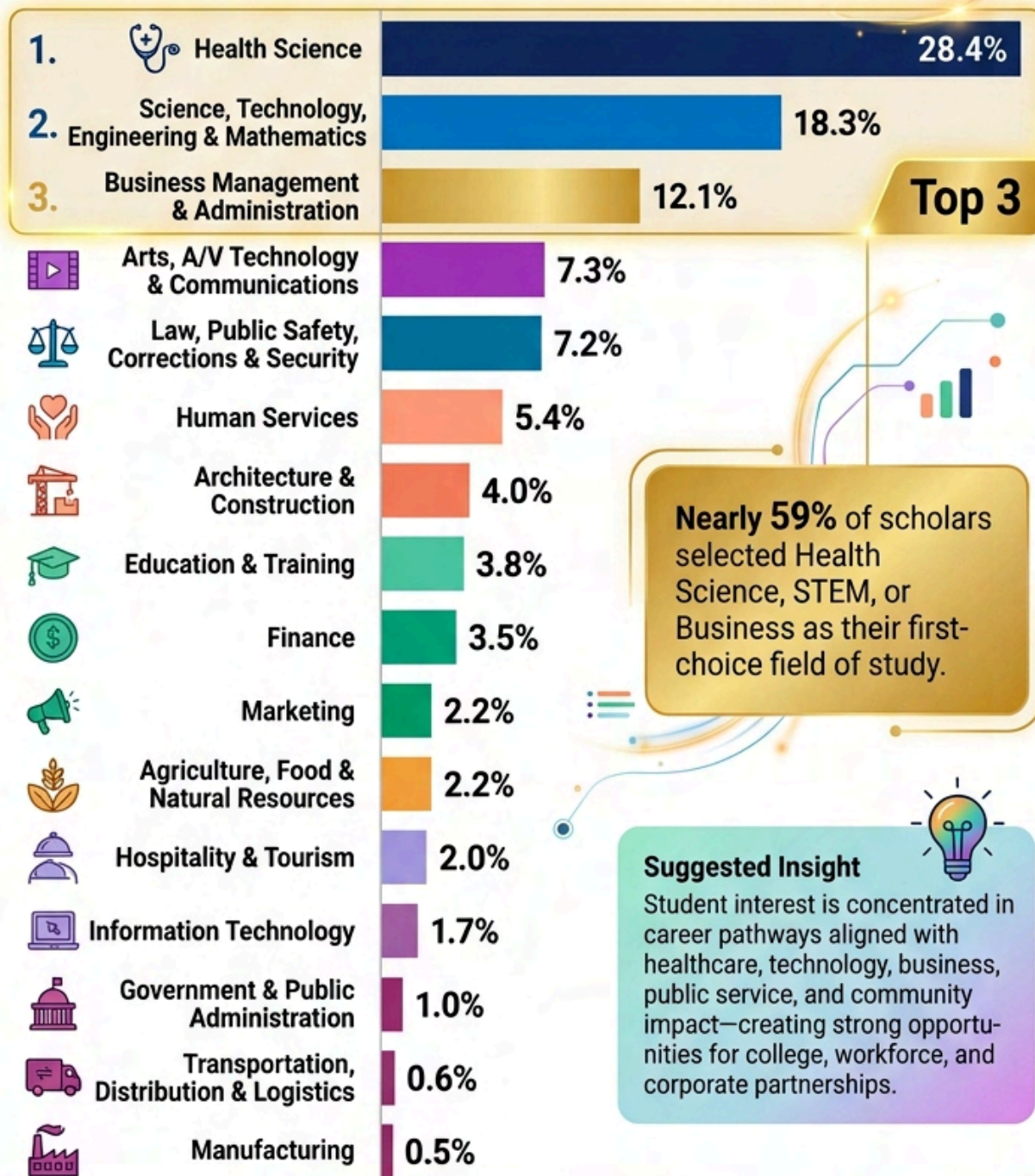
1. Saint Louis, MO
2. Chicago, IL
3. Pittsburgh, PA
4. Lansing, MI
5. Jacksonville, FL

Top States Represented



Top College Study Interests Among Scholars

Scholars are showing strong interest in high-demand career pathways, with **Health Science**, **STEM**, and **Business** leading the pipeline.





*We would like to celebrate
Confluence Preparatory Academy's
Scholars
who received over
\$2.7+ Million
in scholarship offers from
nationwide colleges and universities
during the
2025-2026 Academic Year.*



***30 CPA scholars attended the Infinite Scholars Fair
at Saint Louis University!***

They walked away with:

91 College Acceptances

\$2,764,304 in Scholarships

2 Full-Ride Offers

***"Their success is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and
excellence of our scholars!" - Confluence Preparatory Academy***



Student Spotlight

Saniyah Womack

CARDINAL RITTER SENIOR



Awarded a Scholarship
to Clafin University!

Full Ride Opportunity
at **ALABAMA A&M**
(with higher ACT Score)



*The Possibilities
are Infinite!*



ACT
PREP



INFINITE



Missouri
State®

Infinite
Est. 2003
Scholars
"The Possibilities are Infinite"



Congratulations

Timothy D. Nelson

Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Special Education

Class of '25

*Expanding Options.
Creating Opportunities.*



KAMIL CAMERON

Kamil is a 2021 Parkway North graduate, earned a full-tuition scholarship to Delaware State University through Infinite Scholars in St. Louis. She graduated Summa Cum Laude and is now on the path to becoming a Pediatric Neurologist. Her success story highlights the impact Infinite Scholars has on connecting students to opportunities and making higher education dreams a reality.

St. Louis MISSOURI

**\$49+ MILLION
IN SCHOLARSHIP
OFFERS**

Highest Scholarship Dollars Offered



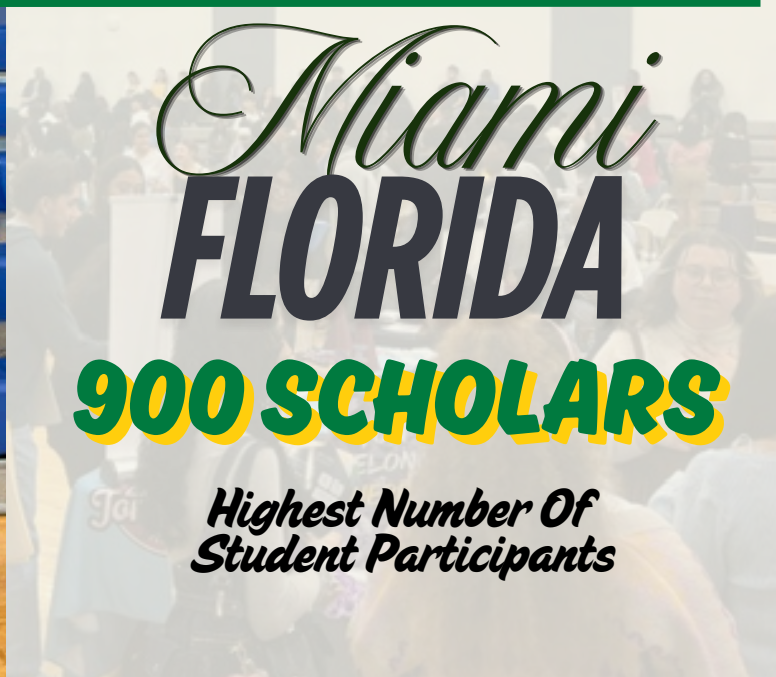
Top Nationwide Impact Cities



Miami FLORIDA

900 SCHOLARS

*Highest Number Of
Student Participants*



Richmond VIRGINIA

101 VOLUNTEERS

*Community Involvement Leader
Highest Volunteer Turnout*



Shelbe's commitment, professionalism, and heart for service have made a meaningful impact on ISP and the students we serve. We are proud to congratulate Shelbe L. Davis Sr. on being selected as ISP's Nationwide Volunteer of the Year for the second consecutive year.

Shelbe L. Davis, Sr.



TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

I am a proud father to two remarkable children attending Southern Illinois University Evansville. My son is pursuing mechatronics robotics engineering, while my daughter is on her path to medical school through a degree in biological sciences.

Their journeys have been profoundly shaped by the Infinite Scholars Program, which provided them with over a million dollars in scholarships. The program's unwavering commitment to making higher education accessible perfectly aligns with the values my family holds dear—education, opportunity, and empowerment.

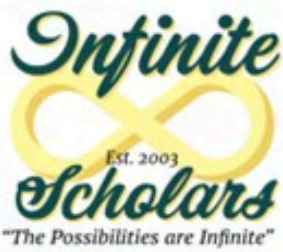
IF YOU COULD DESCRIBE YOUR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE WITH ISP IN THREE WORDS, WHAT WOULD THEY BE AND WHY?

Empowering...Impactful...Inclusive

- Empowering because ISP gives students the confidence to own their educational journeys.*
- Impactful because ISP transforms lives and communities.*
- Inclusive because ISP embraces the values of diversity and equal opportunity, ensuring no one is left behind.*



2025-2026
Nationwide Volunteer
of the Year



**Scholars Gained Access To
\$302 Million
In Scholarship Offers
During The Most Recent
Academic Year**

2026-2027 Academic Year: Nationwide Scholarship Fairs!



SAVE THE DATE!

Sep 13 St. Louis, MO

Sep 29 Anniston, AL

Jan 16 Jacksonville, FL

Sep 15 Pittsburgh, PA

Oct 10 Richmond, VA

Jan 26-27 Fort Lauderdale, FL

Sep 17 Cincinnati, OH

Oct 13 Charlotte, NC

Jan 28 Miami, FL

Sep 22 Gary, IN

Oct 14 Durham, NC

Jan 30 DeSoto/Cedar Hill, TX

Sep 23 Lansing, IL

Oct 19-22 Atlanta, GA

Feb 21 St. Louis, MO

Sep 24 Chicago, IL

Oct 24 Kansas City, MO

Register Online

WWW.INFINITESCHOLAR.ORG



FY 25 FINANCIALS

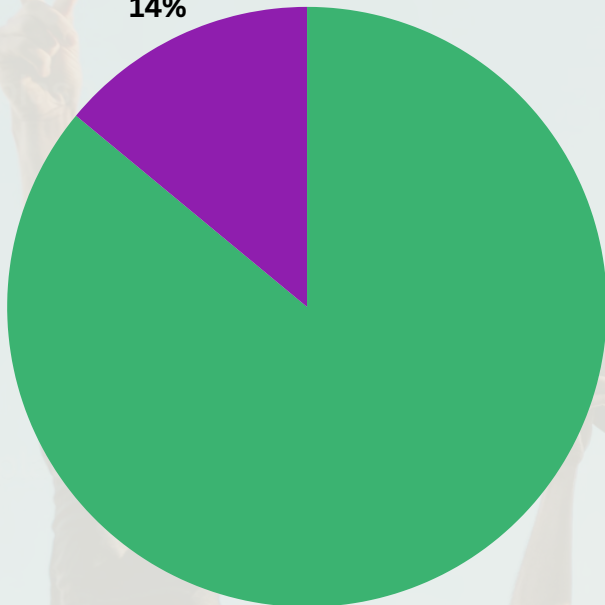
JANUARY 1, 2025 - DECEMBER 31, 2025



Revenue

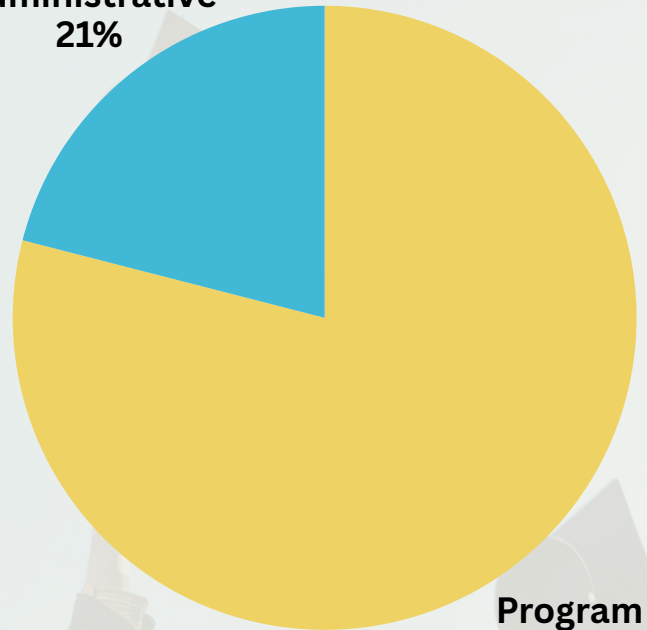
● Corporate ● Individual Donors

Individual Donors
14%



Corporate
86%

Administrative
21%



Program
79%

Expenses

Financial Snapshot

Revenue: **\$96,824**

Program Expenses: **\$81,627**

Administrative Expenses: **\$15,197**

Total Expenses: **\$99,266**

Program Expense Ratio: **79%**

Cost Per Scholar: \$13



NATIONWIDE SUPPORTERS



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*Mr. Carl Daniels
Ruthie Williams & Family In Memory of Mr. Jerry Williams*

The Infinite Scholars Program is proud to announce its partnership with CareerSpring, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping first-generation and/or low-income students and graduates access career information, professional networks, skill-building resources, and employment opportunities.

This partnership strengthens ISP's commitment to supporting scholars beyond college admission and scholarship access. Through CareerSpring's free career platform, eligible scholars can explore career pathways, build professional skills, connect with real-world professionals, and access opportunities that support their transition from education to meaningful employment.

Together, ISP and CareerSpring are expanding what access means for scholars across the nation: access to college, access to scholarships, access to career guidance, access to professional networks, and access to long-term opportunity.

Why This Partnership Matters

College access opens the door...Career access helps scholars walk through it with confidence.

Through this partnership, ISP scholars can gain access to resources that support:

- Career exploration
- Professional networking
- Career readiness skill-building
- Internship and job search preparation
- Connections with professionals and employers
- Long-term economic mobility

This collaboration reflects ISP's mission to prepare scholars to thrive in a global economy by connecting them with the tools, relationships, and opportunities needed to move from possibility to purpose.

Expanding Access Beyond College





GIVING TUESDAY

DECEMBER 1, 2026

Help ISP Reach **20,000 SCHOLARS** Annually By 2028

Join the Infinite Scholars Program every Tuesday leading up to Giving Tuesday by making a donation.

Your gift will help us expand access to higher education, scholarships, and career readiness resources for scholars across the nation.

8,035 scholars gained access to more than \$302 million in scholarship offers during the 2025–2026 academic year. This was the highest scholarship total in a single year in ISP's history.

Now, we are working toward our next bold goal: serving 20,000 scholars each year by 2028.



Your Gift Makes a Difference

\$13 helps empower **1 scholar**

\$65 helps empower **5 scholars**

\$130 helps empower **10 scholars**

\$325 helps empower **25 scholars**

\$1,300 helps empower **100 scholars**

Scan the QR code to donate or visit:

www.infinitescholar.org

Want to help us spread the word?

Become an ISP Giving Tuesday Ambassador by emailing:
impact@infinitescholar.org



Together, we can expand access, strengthen opportunity, and help more scholars turn possibility into lasting success.



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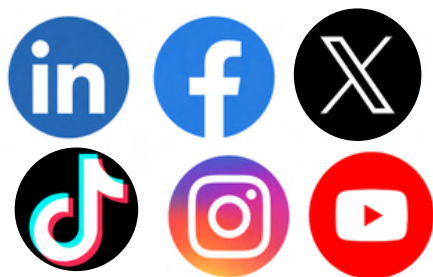
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WAYS THAT YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN THIS NATIONWIDE MOVEMENT

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