

# TAHOE DONNER GIVING FUND 2018 SCHOLARSHIPS

This June, the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund awarded eight scholarships totaling \$12,500 to graduates from Truckee High School, North Tahoe High School and Sierra High School, as well as \$8,000 in continuing education scholarships to graduates from 2015 and 2016.

Giving Fund members Barbara Ramsey and Suzanne Sullivan participated with other affiliates of the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (TTCF) in reviewing 118 applications from graduating seniors in the Truckee Tahoe Unified School District and several charter and private schools. Each affiliate came to the table with a list of graduates who met the requirements of the scholarship they applied for, which range from smaller one-time awards to full four-year endowments. To qualify for an award from the Giving Fund, the graduate should:

- Be accepted at a post-secondary two-year or four-year college or university or an accredited institution offering career technical education
- Demonstrate the capacity for success by having at least a 3.0 GPA based on a 4-point scale
- Demonstrate financial need
- Preference is given to students who are the first in their family to seek post-secondary education

At the end of the process, the Giving Fund recommended and the board of directors approved the following scholarships:



**Aubriel Ford**  
Sierra High School, attending Truckee Meadows Community College's applied tech program, majoring in engineering/computer science



**Alondra Leon**  
North Tahoe High School, first in family to go to college, attending Sacramento State University, majoring in criminology/forensic science



**Jose Ponce Prieto**  
Truckee High School, attending Sierra College, majoring in architectural drafting



**Conor Pugh**  
Truckee High School, attending UNR, majoring in mechanical engineering with special interest in robotics



**Jocelyn Ruiz**  
Truckee High School, attending UNR, where her goal is to become a registered nurse practitioner



**Mariana Sanchez**  
Truckee High School, first in family to go to college, attending CSU Chico, majoring in nursing



**Lucy Swanson**  
Truckee High School, attending UC Berkeley, majoring in psychology



**Sherwood Wilder**  
Truckee High School, attending Sierra College then transferring to Butte Community College's fire science program next year

Based on Giving Fund recommendations, the board also approved the following continuing education scholarships:



**Michaela Ness (2015)**  
Michaela, the Giving Fund's first scholarship awardee, will be graduating in summer 2019 from UNR with an education degree. She intends to hold both

Nevada and California single-subject teaching credentials in English, and hopes to return to Truckee to teach.



**Alondra Delgadillo (2016)**  
Alondra graduated from Sierra High in 2016 and received an AA from Sierra College this June. She is matriculating to UNR, where she will

major in psychology with an emphasis on mental health. Alondra plans to return to Truckee upon graduation to give back to her community.



**Adam Alessi (2016)**  
Adam graduated from Forest Charter School in 2016 and is continuing his education at Butte College. He has completed his general education and

EMT/paramedic training. This summer he begins the fire academy, and when finished he will be a firefighter paramedic.

These scholarships are what enable many of these students to attend college and move forward with their career goals. Knowing that they have their community's support bolsters their confidence and encourages them to continue. You, as Tahoe Donner full- and part-time residents, should feel very proud you are playing a vital role in the future of so many deserving local youth.

Please consider a contribution to the Giving Fund to help us continue this program, and to support area non-profits. We will be joining TTCF's open competitive grant committee for non-profits this fall, so a contribution today will be put to work before the end of the year! It is easy to contribute from our website: [tahoedonner.com/giving-fund](http://tahoedonner.com/giving-fund)

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