



TAHOE DONNER GIVING FUND
BOARD UPDATE: 2024 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
JUNE 28, 2024

OVERVIEW

The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund Committee is pleased to report the 2024 Tahoe Donner Giving Fund Scholarship awards to the Tahoe Donner Board.

BACKGROUND

On February 23, 2024, the Tahoe Donner Association Board of Directors authorized the award of \$70,000 for 2024 Traditional Scholarships and \$240,000 for IMPACT Scholarships, for a total of \$310,000 in scholarships this spring.

Details of that request are at this link: <https://www.tahoedonner.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-02-23-Board-Authorization-Request-Scholarships.pdf>

History of funding distribution is at this link: <https://www.tahoedonner.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-02-23-TDGF-DIST.-2015-2023.pdf>

Normally, this report would have been made a month or two earlier. However, a significant delay in releasing this year's FAFSA (the federal aid application form required by most organizations) delayed the timing of college applications and scholarships - not just for us, but for millions of students across the country.

Working with the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (TTCF) common application and selection process, the Giving Fund Committee's Scholarship Subcommittee awarded scholarships in two categories: IMPACT and Traditional Scholarships.

IMPACT SCHOLARSHIPS

IMPACT Scholarships are funded by a single anonymous Tahoe Donner member, who in 2019 began funding at \$200,00 per year. This year, recognizing the increasing cost of educational and living expenses, this generous member increased annual funding to \$240,000, awarding \$12,000 per year for up to five years to four students.

This year's **IMPACT Scholarships** were awarded to:

Ashlee, North Tahoe High — CSU Chico State, Nursing Labor & Delivery
Diana, Truckee High — Occidental College, Biology
Esmeralda, North Tahoe High — UC Irvine, Public Health Sciences
Reese, Truckee High — Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Chemistry

TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Traditional Scholarships are funded through the collective donations by hundreds of individual Tahoe Donner members, who generously give during annual summer and winter fundraising campaigns, recurring donations, and other programs.

This year, \$70,000 was approved by the board for these scholarships. \$40,000 was awarded to the students named below in eight one-time awards of \$5,000 each; \$30,000 is being awarded as second-year funding for prior-year scholarship recipients whose first-year transcripts are currently being evaluated.

This year's first-year **Traditional Scholarships** were awarded to:

Alexandra, North Tahoe High — Lake Tahoe Community College, Paramedic
Bergen, North Tahoe High — Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Architecture
Emma, Truckee High — University of Nevada Reno, Education
Hanale, Truckee High — St. Mary's Moraga, Marketing
Katherine, Truckee High — Gonzaga, Biomedical Engineering
Kimberly, Sierra High — Pasadena City College, Radiology
Leo, Sierra High — Truckee Meadows Community College, Automotive Welding & Diesel
True, Truckee High — CSU Humboldt, Mechanical Engineering

This year's second-year funding awards will be announced at a future date.

SUMMER FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN BEGINS JULY 1

July 1st kicks off the Giving Fund's Summer Fundraising Campaign, including the Second Annual Tahoe Donner Dog Mayor Contest. We encourage all Tahoe Donner Members to "vote" for their favorite TD Dog Mayor candidate with a donation, or give directly to the Giving Fund's General Fund.

You can give at this link: <https://www.tahoedonner.com/community/giving-back/giving-fund/campaigns/dog-mayor-2024/> All donations support local scholarships and nonprofit grants, so we can all make a difference in our community.

Visit us at the Giving Fund table at the Member Expo following the Annual Meeting on Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

Nan Meek, Chair, Tahoe Donner Giving Fund Committee