



HIGHLANDS RANCH
Community Scholarship Fund

2019

Annual Report



**Building Tomorrow's
Leaders Today!**



Who We Are:

The Highlands Ranch Community Scholarship Fund (HRCSF) is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that provides post-secondary education scholarships for high school seniors residing in Highlands Ranch or attending a Highlands Ranch high school. The program was created to reward students who have demonstrated well-rounded participation and achievement in their community and school through volunteerism and/or community service hours. Review of applications and all scholarship decisions are made by the Highlands Ranch Community Scholarship Fund Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

The Therapeutic Recreation department at the Highlands Ranch Community Association is designed to help people with special needs explore leisure interests, develop skills, and have fun. Our specialized services are offered to all ages, regardless of ability or disability and provide a variety of programs available including group and personal instruction. Though a unique relationship with the HRCSF, we are also able to provide scholarships to our students with special needs.

Program Requirements:

Applicants must be dependent children entering their first year of post-secondary education.

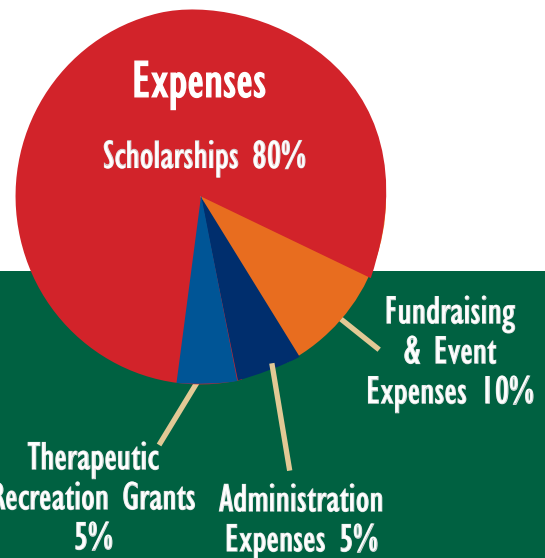
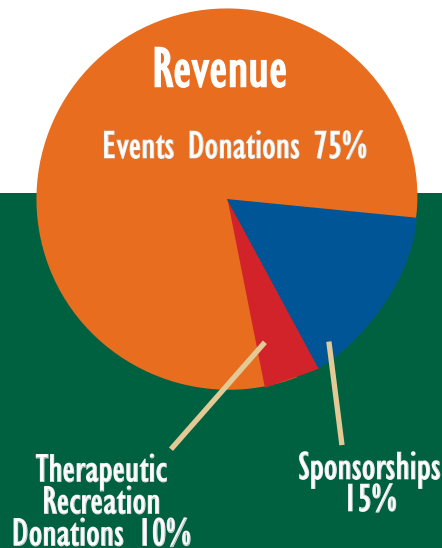
Applicants must be students who are enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time course of study at an accredited institution or vocational-technical school.

Students must enter class in the beginning of the academic year in which this scholarship is given. Awards are granted on an equal opportunity basis.

Award Selection Criteria:

- School and/or community participation
- Career and educational aspiration and goals
- Past academic performances
- Work and mentoring experience
- Extenuating or unusual personal or family circumstances
- Three letters of recommendation (from teachers, current employers, community service supervisors, etc.)
- Applications are accepted in January
- Scholarships are awarded in March

Scholarship Financials:



Supporting today's leaders for tomorrow's success!

Fundraising:

Major funding for the scholarships comes from the Highlands Ranch Beer Festival, held every year in June in Civic Green Park. In 2019, nearly 2,000 tickets were sold to the event and it raised over \$50,000 for scholarships.



Created in 2003

to provide post-secondary education scholarships for students residing in Highlands Ranch or attending Highlands Ranch High Schools.

\$465,500

in scholarships awarded since 2004



LONG-TERM PLANNING

Planning for future awards provides input on future scholarships for our next generation of students

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Participating Schools in Highlands Ranch

501(c)3

90.4%

Douglas County School District graduation rate

\$2,500

20 Annual Scholarships Awarded

466

Scholarships awarded to date



Members on the scholarship committee

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The Impact of a Scholarship...

Help to lessen the impact of rising tuition costs

Tuition is on the rise nation-wide and scholarships give access to higher education for students of all income levels.

Help students have more time to focus on their studies

The stresses of working make it difficult for the student to focus on their studies, achieve their goals and graduate.

Decrease the amount of loans students need to complete their education

Two-thirds of students graduate with loans, an increase of more than 50% since the early 90's.

Teach philanthropy

By receiving a scholarship as a college student, the students will become philanthropic themselves and "give back" when they are financially able.



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www.HRCAonline.org/Scholarships