Leadership giving through The Stanford Fund

Leadership gifts made through The Stanford Fund play a special role in creating an unparalleled experience for today’s undergraduates. With a generous commitment to The Stanford Fund, you can have a powerful impact on students’ lives and inspire others to give back.

Stanford Fund Scholarships

Stanford is one of only a few universities in the country that meet the demonstrated financial need for all its U.S. undergraduates. Thanks to our generous donors, The Stanford Fund makes a world-class education accessible to the brightest and most talented students.

Donors who give $25,000 or more per year through The Stanford Fund have a unique opportunity to help by establishing a Stanford Fund Scholarship. Scholarships help underwrite financial aid for individual students, allowing donors to get to know the beneficiaries of their support. Many scholarship recipients and donors find tremendous inspiration in connecting with each other.

“One of Stanford’s primary contributions to society is to educate the next generation of engaged citizens, critical thinkers, and innovators. When you provide support through The Stanford Fund, you not only shape the life of the undergraduate who receives a scholarship, you also foster a diverse and vibrant learning environment that benefits all students.”

Marc Tessier-Lavigne
President

“Thank you for your immense support. I promise to work diligently in my academic career and take full advantage of the opportunity you offered me, so that one day, I will be able to offer my own help to other students in my position.”

Christian Figueroa, ’23, from a letter to his Stanford Fund Scholarship donor
We’ve gotten letters every year from student recipients who represent unbelievable talent. You meet them, and you get rejuvenated because you realize your money is going toward somebody who is going to try pretty hard to achieve something unique in life.

Jerry Yang, ’90, MS ’90, Stanford University trustee and scholarship donor

“I am so grateful to the donors who support students like me through The Stanford Fund—students who not only depend on financial aid to attend, but who also have found their Stanford experience enriched by participating in a student-run group. Donors like you truly better the lives of Stanford students.”

Peyton Limoges, ’20, scholarship recipient and member of the Stanford Wind Symphony

The benefits of leadership giving

The Stanford Fund’s most generous annual donors are recognized at the following giving levels:

**PRESIDENT’S FUND** | $10,000 or more*  
($25,000 or more establishes a Stanford Fund Scholarship)

**PARENT PARTNERS** | $2,500 or more from parents of current undergraduates

**LEADERSHIP CIRCLE** | $1,000 to $9,999*  
*Lower levels apply for young alumni

Your generosity is appreciated! Every donor who makes a leadership gift through The Stanford Fund receives:

- Recognition in The Stanford Fund honor roll
- Special communications throughout the year
- Access to a campus liaison who can answer questions about your giving and what’s new at Stanford

In addition:

- President’s Fund members receive invitations to special events throughout the year, including an annual stakeholders’ call with top university administrators and a reception held in their honor.
- Stanford Fund Scholarship donors have the opportunity to hear from and get to know their student recipients.

Make a legacy gift

Through planned giving, you can take care of yourself and take care of tomorrow’s students. A life income gift, such as a charitable remainder trust or charitable gift annuity, can provide you annual income and tax savings. Bequests enable donors to make substantial gifts. Those who have decided to include Stanford in their estate plans qualify for membership in Stanford’s honorary Founding Grant Society and are recognized in class donor listings.

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FUNDING NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID AT STANFORD

Year after year, The Stanford Fund plays a critical role in filling the gap between scholarship endowment and other sources of financial aid.

**Funding**

- **2015–16:** $135.2M
- **2016–17:** $143.6M
- **2017–18:** $153.2M
- **2018–19:** $164.4M
- **2019–20 (Budgeted):** $175.2M

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