



EMPOWERING WOMEN - STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Scholarship Programs

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Workforce Ready Initiative

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About Us

Nevada Women’s Fund is a 42-year-old nonprofit dedicated to empowering women through education and career advancement with the majority of our funding being directed toward our renowned scholarship program, which helps women pursue higher education through college, university or trade school.

Our mission is to remove barriers to education and career growth, creating professional opportunities that strengthen our communities. Since our founding, we have awarded over \$10.5 million in scholarships and other support to women across Northern Nevada, including rural areas—all made possible through the generosity of local donors.

What began in 1983 with two \$500 scholarships has grown into a program awarding over \$500,000 annually. Over the years, we have tracked the impact of these scholarships, gathering data on the women served, their educational paths, and career achievements. Today, our scholarship recipients contribute across diverse fields, including medicine, healthcare, business, government, education, engineering, science, entrepreneurship, and beyond.

Vision

To strengthen our community by ensuring no women face barriers in pursuit of achievement.



Mission

Empowering women through education and career advancement opportunities.





Nevada Women's Fund seeks to establish strategic partnerships with corporate entities by aligning their workforce development efforts with the Nevada Women's Fund Scholarship Programs.

Our Scholarship Programs are a direct response to the substantial support received from corporate donors, organizations, and individuals committed to fostering the education, development, and retention of the female workforce in Northern Nevada.

A partnership with Nevada Women's Fund represents a tangible investment in the Northern Nevada community, contributing to the development of a skilled and empowered female workforce. Nevada Women's Fund is not only committed to the success of the women we award scholarships to but also values the ongoing collaboration with industry leaders who play a crucial role in employing and empowering these professional women.



Program Highlights

Workforce development for your company or organization

Empowering local women through education

Company brand recognition amongst students and community

Strengthen company culture & morale

Scholarship Details



Awarded in Donors Name & Direction

Donors have the distinct honor of having the scholarship awarded under their company/organization's name and have the opportunity to shape the focus of this scholarship, whether it be a specific area of study, a particular demographic, or a defined goal. Your input will ensure that the scholarship aligns with your company or organization's values and objectives, while also addressing critical needs within our community.



Application/Selection Process

The Nevada Women's Fund Allocations Committee is comprised of 17 dedicated members, including representatives from the Nevada Women's Fund Board and respected community leaders. This committed team carefully reviews and evaluates every eligible application submitted. Applicants may apply for either degree or non-degree funding. After thorough consideration, each applicant is thoughtfully matched with the most appropriate scholarship donor(s) to best support their educational goals.

- **Degree seeking** scholarship awards range from \$2,000 to \$5,000 are awarded each Spring.
- **Non-degree seeking** scholarship awards for trade, vocational, certificate, and licensure programs are based on programmatic cost and are awarded quarterly.



Communication, Monitoring, Evaluation

Donors are extended the opportunity to personally meet their individual scholarship recipient(s), to hear firsthand the inspiring stories of the remarkable women whose lives have been positively impacted by their generosity. Nevada Women's Fund actively collects data from both current and past scholarship recipients to assess programmatic success and ensure donor satisfaction.





Scholarships Are funded to:

Nevada Women's Fund awards scholarships to women seeking further education or career advancement opportunities through:

- Associates Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Master's Degree
- PhD Degree
- Trade Schools
- Certificate Programs
- Vocational Programs
- Professional Licenses



Donor Opportunities

Scholarship donors are highly encouraged to explore innovative ways to integrate opportunities for educating and raising awareness about their company, organization, or industry through their Nevada Women's Fund scholarship. This can include, but is not limited to, initiatives such as:

- Company or Worksite Tours
- Mentorship Programs
- Internship Opportunities

These endeavors aim to not only support the educational journey of recipients but also serve as invaluable contributions to workforce development efforts, fostering a mutually beneficial relationship between scholarship recipients and the donor's professional sphere.



Recognition/Branding

Donors receive recognition for their partnership with Nevada Women's Fund throughout the year. This recognition includes prominent acknowledgment on the Nevada Women's Fund website, as well as across various social media platforms and quarterly newsletters.

Additionally, donors are extended an invitation to an exclusive annual scholarship reception, where their invaluable contributions are celebrated. Moreover, Nevada Women's Fund hosts two of Northern Nevada's most significant annual fundraisers: Salute to Women of Achievement and Power of the Purse; scholarship donors receive notable recognition in the event programming materials at both events.

This collective recognition underscores a deep appreciation for donors' unwavering commitment to advancing the educational pursuits of deserving women in our community.



Three Funding Options



Annual Scholarship

- Scholarships range from \$2,000 - \$5,000 with an average of \$3,600
- Donors are encouraged to find creative ways to educate and raise awareness about their company, including tours, mentorships, or internships.
- Funded annually prior to March 1st and awarded each April
- Company or organization has the distinct honor of having the scholarship awarded under its name and the opportunity to shape the focus of this scholarship.

\$2,000 + Annually



Endowed Scholarship

- Gradually build your endowment to the fundable amount within a span of five years, with flexibility to add additional funds at any given time.
- Donors are encouraged to find creative ways to educate and raise awareness about their company, including tours, mentorships, or internships.
- Company or organization has the distinct honor of having the scholarship awarded under its name and the opportunity to shape the focus of this scholarship.
- Fund awarded each April
- 4.5% of the endowments value is withdrawn and distributed in scholarships each spring in perpetuity.

Minimum \$10,000



Vocational, Trade, Certificate & Licensure Scholarship

- Scholarships range from \$500 - \$5,000 based on program cost and duration.
- Donors are encouraged to find creative ways to educate and raise awareness about their company, including tours, mentorships, or internships.
- Funded quarterly
- Company or organization has the distinct honor of having the scholarship awarded under its name and the opportunity to shape the focus of this scholarship.

\$1,000 + Annually

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