

## Nevada Women's Fund Awards \$241,670 in 2021

### Empowering Our Future Leaders Today to be Ready for a Stronger Tomorrow

As we look to 40 years of service fulfilling our mission to uplift the lives of women and families, we are very proud to share that 2021 education scholarship distributions were the highest in our history. Eighty northern Nevada women were awarded \$218,330! These awards allow progress on women's goals for professional careers and higher earnings; while at the same time lifting our community through economic investments.

Economic investment? How? Because the Nevada Women's Fund student will become an electrical engineer, nurse, judge, teacher, social worker, marketing professional, public servant, entrepreneur, and so much more. She will buy a house and car here in Nevada and send her children to school and college here. She lives in our community, and pursues her professional goals in our community. Most importantly, she is prepared to go forward. She's empowered and ready, particularly after the economic and emotional impact of the global pandemic. Moving forward is vital to her and her future.

In addition to scholarships, Nevada Women's Fund donor directed funds helped sustain the services of needed community non-profits. Assistance League Reno-Sparks Operation School Bell, The Discovery-Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum, Nevada Women's History Project, and the Women and Children's Center of the Sierra received funding grants totaling \$23,340.

All of this to say, the Nevada Women's Fund is strong and engaged and continues to stay on mission, as you ask. We too are ready for tomorrow!



#### How do you attend?

Register for our FREE event at: [givebutter.com/2021POP](https://givebutter.com/2021POP) (Registration grants access to the purse raffle)

Invite your friends and family to register too. Watch for Power of the Purse on social media and share! Purchase purse raffle tickets beginning November 1 through the night of the event. The raffle will be held live online and you must be watching to win!

Safely gather your friends and family on November 19 for a party in your home or online. You'll be able to stream the event from your computer, phone, or smart TV while enjoying an evening of fun and the purse raffle with your friends, near and far. Since we are virtual anyone world-wide can join in the fun!

Keep checking our event website [givebutter.com/2021POP](https://givebutter.com/2021POP) for additional event information and to purchase virtual raffle tickets. We will be updating the site regularly with photos of the purses to be raffled and our event sponsors!

**You may even decide to become an NWF fundraiser by starting a fundraising team!** This is a great option for businesses and large groups. Contact the Nevada Women's Fund office for details, 775-786-2335 or [info@nevadawomensfund.org](mailto:info@nevadawomensfund.org).

## 2021 Virtual Power of the Purse!

### SAVE THE DATE - November 19 for another exciting POWER OF THE PURSE holiday experience!

This year, we are returning in a virtual format, online starting at 7 pm on November, 19, 2021. This is the **PREMIERE HOLIDAY VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE OF THE YEAR!** As always the highlight of the event is the exciting designer purse raffle, featuring Michael Kors, Coach, Kate Spade, Frye and many more!



# President's Message



## Celebrating Legacy: A Tribute to Those Who Had Vision, Passion and Commitment and Started A 40-Year Journey

Recently with donors and scholarship recipients, and in this newsletter, we celebrate the highest single year education scholarship distributions in NWF history. Frankly, I was not sure what the donor contributions would be as we entered year two of the global pandemic. But when donations continued and were increased by many, I knew it was because of the multiple years of commitment by the numerous women who dedicated hours of volunteer time through their board work and leadership. We would not be where we are today without the legacy of those at the helm in the beginning and over these many years.

All organizations benefit from solid footing and best practices. Our footing is in the legacy of Fritsi Ericson. She was a founding board member and early Executive Director of the Nevada Women's Fund, investing more than 20 years into our creation. She cultivated supporters to sustain the Nevada Women's Fund into the future. And then, another 20 years as the community ambassador of opportunities available at the NWF. Through her final days she reminded those interested in higher education to seek opportunities through the organization she assembled with her colleagues and friends. Fritsi is responsible for the formation of the NWF endowment that awards scholarships and grants in perpetuity. At June 30, 2021, the endowment is valued at \$3.5 million and we maintain an unrestricted reserve fund valued at \$1.2 million. Fritsi was the NWF historian and our community ambassador. She was my mentor and friend. Sadly, she passed away in July. I miss her.

However, I know it would make her happy to hear that for the 2021 scholarship cycle the minimum individual award was raised from \$1,500 to \$1,750 and the applications included women seeking Associate, Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate degrees and want to be business leaders, nurses, medical professionals, psychologists, computer scientists and engineers.

We can do this because today, close to 40 years later, we stand on Fritsi's resilient shoulders and those of the more than 275 community women that have served the Board of Directors of the Nevada Women's Fund. Their *vision* for our future was with *passion* and *commitment*. In the days when one licked stamps and envelopes, they did so with their children at the kitchen table. They planned and serviced all events that would raise funding for the Nevada Women's Fund, that could then be distributed to women with *vision, passion and commitment*.

Thank you for all you do to empower women of our northern Nevada community. Today we celebrate the legacy of the remarkable women who established the Nevada Women's Fund with *vision, passion and commitment*.



Isabelle Rodriguez Wilson  
President & CEO



Fritsi H. Ericson  
Founding Board Member  
President & CEO Emerita

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isabelle".



# Nevada Women's Fund 2021 Scholarship Awards



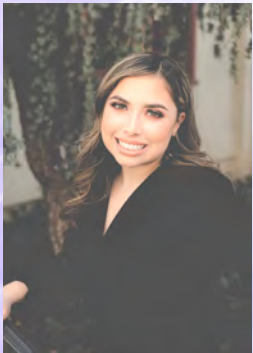
My daughter and I are forever grateful to be receiving this scholarship opportunity from Nevada Women's Fund. This scholarship will give the opportunity to pay for my tuition and books for my MSW program at UNR. As a first generation Latinx student, this scholarship will also help me achieve my goal of becoming a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), where I will provide mental health services to low-income minority populations in my local community. - Yulisa Mendez

This support will provide tremendous financial relief as I continue on this journey accomplishing my educational and professional goals in studying Autism Spectrum Disorder. As we emerge from the very challenging times of last year, I look forward to making up for lost time and using this generous gift to further my academic and research achievements. To all the staff, volunteers, donors and supporters of the Nevada Women's Fund, I sincerely thank you. - Stephanie Otto



This scholarship has impacted my life in a multitude of different ways, I am able to take a full class load while being able to stay focused in each of my classes without having outside factors disrupt me from my education. I will be able to use this funding to help cover tuition, fees, food, and book expenses. My mother and I will continue to thank you for all of the support you have given me throughout my college career. I am closer to being able to graduate in a career where I will also be able to give back to my home, Reno, Nevada. - Paulina Zamarripa Miranda

Thank you very much for the generous award from Nevada Women's Fund. This financial help will allow me more financial stability as I complete my dissertation in Ecology. Specifically, this scholarship will help me to attend an academic conference, which will allow me to network with professionals in my field from across the country, and will provide the opportunity for me to present my research.- Devon Picklum



The honor, excitement, and thrill of receiving a scholarship from the Nevada Women's Fund makes me so happy and excited to be a woman. As a first-generation student, it is my responsibility to fund my education and any help I can get is appreciated. I am full of gratitude to the donors who make my scholarship possible. - Johana Ramirez Godinez

I can not express how grateful I am to receive a scholarship from the Nevada Women's Fund. Because of this scholarship, I will be the first person in my family to graduate and the financial help I am receiving will allow me to closely focus on my studies for the coming year. - Maria Adriana Bravo



I would love to express my gratitude towards the Nevada Women's Fund and its marvelous mission to support the women of Nevada and their families. With the support of the Nevada Women's Fund, grasping onto my Bachelor of Science in Forest Ecology and Management is more attainable now. Nevada Women's Fund's contribution to my education is an investment towards the future of Nevada's rangelands. - Brandy Rangel Murillo

Being a teen mom as a freshman in high school I was told I would never be able to pursue a career or graduate. I have always struggled to really show colleges that I am a hard worker and love to learn. Now that my children are older I can follow my goals and dreams to graduate college with a degree and succeed in a career. This award is helping me change my life for the better and helping me give my children the example that hard work pays off. - Angelica Lopez





# Nevada Women's Fund 2021 Scholarship Awards



I am deeply honored to have been selected for a scholarship from the Nevada Women's Fund. My future education and community service is made possible by the selfless endeavors and generous support of your scholarship committee. I offer my endless gratitude and appreciation for your support and the future opportunities that this scholarship provided. - Sara Perez

One of the most overwhelming hurdles to college, as a single mom is financial. It's unfortunate but it is the reality that providing for my children meant I couldn't afford to work less to attend, let alone pay for college. Scholarships from the Nevada's Women's Fund directly impacts the lives of Nevada women by helping us afford a higher education. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue pursuing my degree and paying this forward by working within my community. Thank you, truly. - Katie Warner



Thank you so much for awarding me a scholarship! It'll help me with my textbook and travel expenses from Reno to the WNC campus in Carson City. I appreciate your time and consideration. This peace of mind will hopefully help me earn student of the year again and I'll be able to focus on my studies and less on my finances. I appreciate y'all SO MUCH!! - Brandi Ziegler

I am beyond grateful to accept this scholarship from the Nevada Women's Fund. I am currently pursuing degrees in Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Sociology, in the hopes that one day I will use my knowledge and abilities to improve the quality of life in the Northern Nevada community. Thank you for this generous donation to my future! - Abbey Pike



As a first generation student, this scholarship has allowed me to continue my career in Nursing School. I aspire to become a great Nurse and give back to my community. I aspire to support others the same way that the donors of Nevada Women's Fund have helped me. - Janet Lara Cerrillo

I'm extremely grateful for this scholarship. It allows me to focus on my studies and learn how to become the best provider that I can be. I'm honored to be able to represent this amazing organization. - Roxana Damian



## Nevada Women's Fund 2021 Donor Directed Grants Recipients

**Assistance League Reno-Sparks, Operation School Bell  
The Discovery - Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum  
Nevada Women's History Project  
Women and Children's Center of the Sierra**

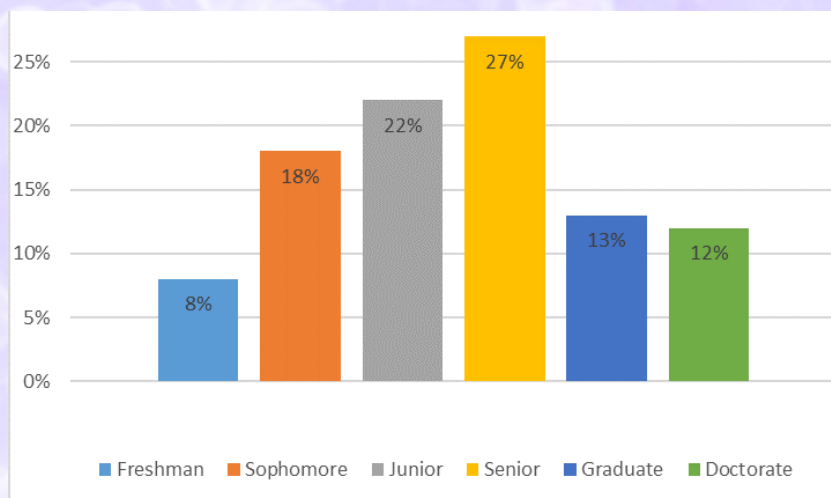






# Nevada Women's Fund 2021 Statistical Review

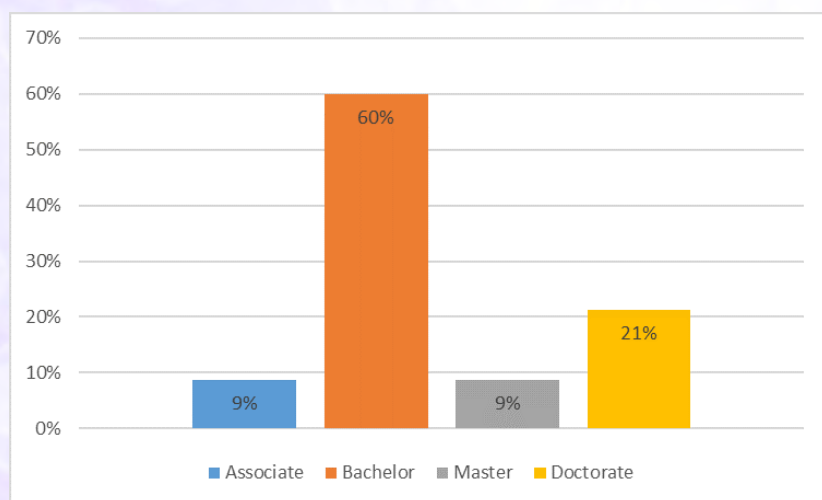
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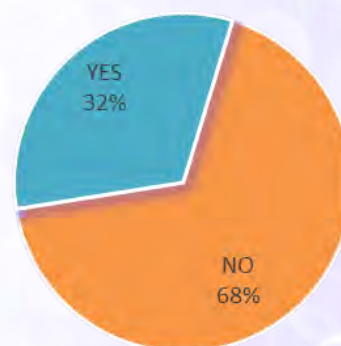
## Home Town



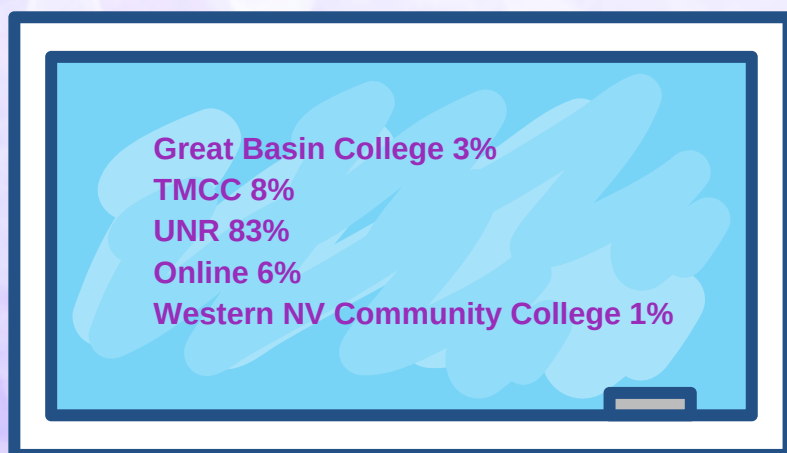
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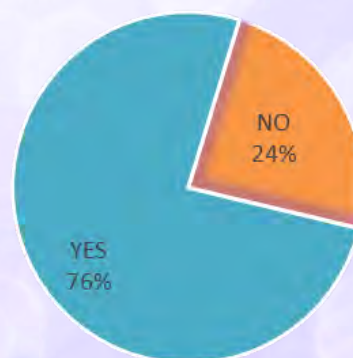
## Has children under the age of 18



## School Attending



## First Generation College Student





# Nevada Women's Fund 2021

## Scholarships - \$218,330



**AAUW Reno (NV) Branch  
Scholarship - \$3,000**

Gabriela Davalos Devon Picklum

**Amy Biehl Scholarship funded by  
Dermody Properties - \$2,500**

Brandi Ziegler

**Barbara Nielsen Memorial  
Endowed Scholarship - \$484**

Adriana Bravo

**Beverly Jean Acton Sr. Memorial  
Scholarship - \$744**

Alexandra Paredes

**Bill & Dottie Raggio Endowed  
Scholarship - \$3,934**

Shannon Hartmann

Lauren Harvey

**Bill & Moya Lear Charitable  
Foundation Endowed Scholarship  
- \$1,193**

Taissa Lytchenko

**Brookfield School Scholarship -  
\$3,000**

Imelda Gonzalez Ojeda

Katie Warner

**Charles Stout Endowed  
Scholarship - \$2,814**

Stephanie Otto

Sara Perez

**Charlotte L. MacKenzie Endowed  
Scholarship - \$6,775**

Alec Brennan

Katherine Darragh

Taissa Lytchenko

Alexandra Paredes

Noell Whaley

**Courage Sans Peur Foundation  
Scholarship - \$10,000**

Ericka Kay

Angela Pitera

**Cyril T. Hofmeister Jr. Endowed  
Scholarship - \$1,500**

Jessica Mendoza Romero

**Davis Family Endowed  
Scholarship - \$3,724**

Hannah Cay

Janet Lara Cerrillo

**Dena L. Kruse Memorial Scholarship  
- \$6,000**

Roxana Damian

Jarelin Huliganga

Johana Ramirez Godinez

**Derrivan/Rinaldi Endowed  
Scholarship - \$674**

Adriana Bravo

**Dorothy Blakey Endowed  
Scholarship - \$7,241**

Hannah Cay

Katherine Darragh

Avery Grant

Tara Hartman

Taissa Lytchenko

Nayeli Zarazua

**Dr. Rita Hunneycutt Endowed  
Scholarship - \$1,062**

Gabriela Davalos

**E.L. Cord Foundation Scholarship -  
\$15,000**

Taylor Bauer

Alec Brennan

Avery Grant

Abida Mim

Nikki Nadeau

Stephanie Otto

Megan Rescigno

Brittany Roadruck

Angela Sanchez

Janelle Tan

Anna Tatarko

**EWB Math & Science Endowed  
Scholarship - \$12,706**

Autumn Cuellar

Jessica Ochoa

Stephanie Otto

Nour Sarsangi

Lisa Soule

Nayeli Stopani

Crystal Vargas

**Faralie S. Spell Memorial Endowed  
Scholarship - \$1,161**

Imelda Gonzalez Ojeda

**Frankie Sue Del Papa Endowed  
Scholarship - \$844**

Lauren Harvey

**Fritsi H. Ericson Endowed  
Scholarship - \$1,500**

Crystal Herrera

**Guild Family Law Endowed  
Scholarship - \$1,293**

Nayeli Zarazua

**Jan Evans Memorial Endowed  
Scholarship - \$4,000**

Yulisa Mendez

Katie Warner

**Jeanne T. Shearer Endowed  
Scholarship - \$7,126**

Morgan Crofoot

Taylor Crofoot

Ruth Gomez Martinez

Sophia He

Megan Pecson

Sophia Waite

**Jennifer Satre Endowed  
Scholarship - \$3,000**

Gabriela Meza Garcia

Anna Tatarko

**Jill M. Winter Endowed  
Scholarship - \$3,000**

Tara Hartman

Lindey Smith

**June Wisham Memorial Endowed  
Scholarship - \$27,852**

Alec Brennan

Yuliana Chavez Ortega

Julia Cosby

Sarah Daniel

Amanda Fischer

Imelda Gonzalez Ojeda

Avery Grant

Savannah Halow

Tara Hartman

Crystal Herrera

Evelyn Izquierdo Oregel

Kelsey Kjer

Rachael Lambin

Nadia Macias

Gabriela Meza Garcia

Libby Murphy

Alexandra Paredes

Devon Picklum

Brandy Rangel Murillo

Malyne Rasmussen

Kaycee Smith

Lisa Soule

Jannelle Tan

Dominique White

Paulina Zamarripa Miranda

**Laura Dianda Endowed  
Scholarship - \$1,031**

Kayla Smith





# Nevada Women's Fund 2021 Scholarships - \$218,330

**Marco/Schaffner Endowed Scholarship - \$732**

Taylor Crofoot  
Maddison Weiss-frank

**Margaret Hart Conaboy Endowed Scholarship - \$2,000**

Alondra Espinoza Cervantes

**Martha H. Jones Endowed Scholarship - \$10,757**

Lauren Harvey  
Crystal Herrera  
Janet Lara Cerrillo  
Nadia Macias  
Yulisa Mendez  
Jessica Mendoza Romero  
Anna Nachtsheim  
Sara Perez  
Abbey Pike  
Malyne Rasmussen  
Crystal Vargas  
Maddison Weiss-frank

**Meggin McIntosh "Emphasis on Excellence" Endowed Scholarship - \$5,000**

Amanda Fischer  
Rachael Lambin  
Nikki Nadeau

**Melanie Watkins Scholarship - \$1,500**

Janet Lara Cerrillo

**Milton & Peggy Glick Endowed Scholarship - \$1,528**

Janelle Tan

**Nancy Peppin Endowed Scholarship - \$2,282**

Taylor Bauer  
Alec Brennan  
Julia Cosby  
Angelica Lopez  
Jessica Ochoa

**Nevada Women's Fund General Scholarship - \$1,250**

Adriana Bravo  
Ruth Gomez Martinez  
Imelda Gonzalez Ojeda  
Shannon Hartmann  
Rachael Lambin  
Taissa Lytchenko  
Megan Pecson  
Malyne Rasmussen  
Kayla Smith  
Maddison Weiss-frank  
Dominique White  
Nayeli Zarazua

**Nevada Women's Fund Board Alumnae Scholarship - \$1,000**

Adriana Bravo  
Kayla Smith

**Nevada Women's Fund Hall of Fame Scholarship - \$5,650**

Morgan Crofoot  
Gabriela Davalos  
Imelda Gonzalez Ojeda  
Daniela Saldate  
Angela Sanchez  
Noell Whaley  
Paulina Zamarripa Miranda

**Northern Nevada Nursing Endowed Scholarship - \$11,326**

Rosa Angel  
Kaitlyn Davidson  
Seidi Lopez Ramirez  
Destiny Max  
Libby Murphy

**Northern Nevada Women in Technology Scholarship - \$2,364**

Autumn Cuellar  
Sophia He

**NV Teach Scholarship - \$1,500**

Anna Nachtsheim

**Orduna Hastings Scholarship - \$1,500**

Abbey Pike

**Pauline Helms Endowed Scholarship - \$528**

Christy Ray

**Peg Murphy Endowed Scholarship - \$2,000**

Noell Whaley

**PK Electrical Scholarship - \$5,000**

Lindsey Smith  
Kaitlyn White

**Reno Gazette Journal Endowed Scholarship - \$1,203**

Jarelin Hulganga  
Angelica Lopez

**Ross & Dorothy Ballard Endowed Scholarship - \$2,000**

Roxana Damian  
Dominique White

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Roxana Damian  
Dominique White

**Ruth Gaiser Brown Scholarship - \$2,500**

Sarah Daniel  
Katie Warner

**Sandra A. Daugherty Endowed Scholarship - \$1,604**

Dominique White

**Sarah Dean Gaiser Nursing Scholarship - \$2,500**

Angel Rosa

**Sharon Usedom Scholarship - \$2,000**

Jamie Perez-Galvan

**Sher & Gary Muhonen Endowed Scholarship - \$2,248**

Autumn Cuellar Abida Mim

**Sue Wagner Endowed Scholarship - \$3,062**

Sophia Waite

**Susanne S. Stout Endowed Scholarship - \$2154**

Nikki Nadeau

**Terry Lee Wells Endowed Scholarship - \$1,378**

Angelica Lopez

**Tim and Joelle Jay Scholarship - \$1,000**

Roxana Damian

**Timken Sturgis Scholarship - \$1,000**

Megan Rescigno

**WITS (Women, Invention & Technology) Endowed Scholarship - \$1,181**

Daniela Saldate



## Mark your Calendar!

### 2021 Virtual Power of the Purse

Where: Your (or a friend's) living room

When: November 19, 2021

What time: 7 pm

givebutter.com/2021POP or scan QR code



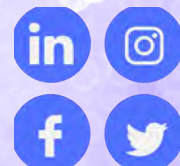
## Nevada Women's Fund

### Mission

The Nevada Women's Fund is dedicated to strengthening its community by empowering women to uplift their lives and those of their families. We identify critical social needs and address those needs through scholarships and community grant-making.

## 2022 Scholarship Applications

will be accepted from December 15, 2021 through  
February 28, 2022  
see [nevadawomensfund.org](http://nevadawomensfund.org) for more information!



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Reno, NV 89502

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