

# Celebrating Legacy Nevada Women's Fund 1983-2023

## Nevada Women's Fund awards \$420,000 in academic scholarships

Nevada Women's Fund is proud to announce that our 2023 education scholarship distributions surged by an impressive 30% over last year to \$420,000 awarded to 114 deserving women! These scholarships serve as a catalyst for women from northern Nevada to pursue their dreams of career advancement and higher earning potential while empowering families and playing a pivotal role in realizing Nevada Women's Fund's overarching mission of strengthen our community.

# POWER OF THE PURSE



Join us for the extraordinary **POWER OF THE PURSE** holiday shopping extravaganza! Your favorite vendors are making a triumphant return, and you're in for a treat, with delectable cuisine, free drinks, and mouthwatering desserts. Get ready for the thrill of the designer purse raffle, featuring coveted brands such as Stella McCartney, Versace, Hermes, and an array of other luxurious names. If you've ever attended, you already know that this is the highlight of the evening!

Mark your calendar for Friday November 17th, 2023, and secure your tickets today to ensure your place at the most exciting holiday shopping experience of the year, while supporting a fantastic cause!

***More vendors, more purses, and bigger space this year  
for an enhanced shopping experience!***

### General Admission - \$75 per ticket (Includes):

- Access to the event from 6 - 9 PM
- 2 drink tickets and delectable cuisine
- Access to shop at our select vendor booths
- Access to participate in the designer purse raffles

### VIP Experience - \$150 per ticket (Includes):

- Early admission at 5:00 PM for an exclusive VIP champagne and shopping hour
- 2 drink tickets and a keepsake VIP glass, redeemable for any beverage during the VIP hour
- VIP exclusive purse raffle during the champagne hour

Purchase event tickets by visiting: [givebutter.com/2023POP](https://givebutter.com/2023POP)  
or using QR code below:



IT'S ABOUT MORE THAN THE PURSE  
IT'S **EMPOWERING**  
**THE WOMAN** WHO CARRIES IT

NOVEMBER 17  
VIP HOUR: 5-6PM  
GEN ADMISSION: 6-9PM  
RENO BALLROOM



## President's Message



Each fall, we celebrate our scholarship recipients and donors on the pages of this newsletter, and in person at our scholarship reception hosted at the Eldorado, this year is no different, except for all the ways in which it is. In honor of our 40th year, we committed to raising and awarding \$400,000 in scholarship funding in 2023; with the generous support of individual and corporate donors, we exceeded that commitment and awarded 114 women with \$420,000 in academic scholarships – an increase of 30%! You can read about some of these impressive scholarship recipients on page five of this newsletter.

Our mission, *Empowering Women to Achievement*, has not changed in its 40-year history, but we recognize that the needs of our local communities have. I believe there is significant potential in the role non-profit solutions can play in supporting the goals of our business community, with that in mind, we reimagined scholarship opportunities this past year to support our corporate partners. Our corporate scholarship program allows companies to have a stake in their workforce development efforts, while simultaneously meeting corporate giving goals and diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. I encourage you to read about four of our new corporate scholarship partners on page four of this newsletter.

Finally, the article below demonstrates how we aligned our mission with the incredible work of local non-profit partner, FISH (Friends in Service Helping). The work of both NWF and FISH is furthered and strengthened through this collaboration.

It's been an exciting year that has been highlighted by incredible community support, new opportunities, and the challenge of expanding our efforts. How can you get involved? Join us on November 17th at Power of the Purse. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,  
Ila Achtabowski  
President & CEO

## Nevada Women's Fund awards \$28,707 in grants to local non-profits

In August, NWF awarded \$25,000 to F.I.S.H. (Friends in Service Helping) to provide vital housing cost subsidies for women residing within the newly constructed F.I.S.H. Family Student Housing project in Carson City. This visionary initiative was crafted to afford women the invaluable chance to pursue their education devoid of the financial strain posed by housing expenses. By unlocking their economic potential through education, this endeavor not only empowers these women, but uplifts their families entrenched in generational poverty, thereby fostering the fortification of communities.



In addition, Nevada Women's Fund donors directed their generosity towards bolstering the efforts of two esteemed local nonprofit organizations through targeted grants. \$3,707 was allocated to the Nevada Women's History Project and the Terry Lee Wells Discovery Museum. This financial infusion stands as a testament to NWF's unwavering commitment to nurturing and sustaining the impactful work of these community-driven entities.



## *Thank you to Nevada Women's Fund Scholarship Donors!*

### **Nevada Women's Fund \$500,000+ Legacy Level Endowments**

June S. Wisham Memorial Endowed Scholarship

### **Nevada Women's Fund \$250,000+ Philanthropy Level Endowments**

EWB Math And Science Endowed Scholarship

Martha H. Jones Endowed Scholarship

### **Nevada Women's Fund \$100,000+ Masters Level Endowments**

Charlotte L. MacKenzie Endowed Scholarship

Dorothy Blakey Endowed Scholarship

Jeanne T. Shearer Endowed Scholarship

Jill M. Winter Endowed Scholarship

The Raffealli Family Endowed Scholarship

Women in Tesla Engineering Endowed Scholarship

### **Nevada Women's Fund \$50,000+ Degree Level Endowments**

Bill & Dottie Raggio Endowed Scholarship

Charles H. Stout Endowed Foundation Scholarship

Davis Family Endowed Scholarship

Fritsi H. Ericson Endowed Scholarship

Jan Evans Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Meggin McIntosh "Emphasis on Excellence" Endowed Scholarship

Nancy Peppin Endowed Scholarship

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Sue Wagner Endowed Scholarship

Susanne S. Stout Endowed Scholarship

### **Nevada Women's Fund \$25,000+ Donor Level Endowments**

Bill & Moya Lear Charitable Foundation Endowed Scholarship

Dr. Rita Huneycutt Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Dr. Sandra A. Daugherty Endowed Scholarship

Frankie Sue Del Papa Endowed Scholarship

Guild Family Law Endowed Scholarship

Jennifer Satre Endowed Scholarship

Laura Dianda Endowed Scholarship

Margaret Eddelman O'Donnell Endowed Scholarship

Milton and Peggy Glick Endowed Scholarship

Northern Nevada Nursing Endowed Scholarship

Peg Murphy Endowed Scholarship

Reno Gazette Journal Foundation Endowed Scholarship

Society of Women Engineers - Sierra Nevada Section Endowed Scholarship

Terry Lee Wells Endowed Scholarship

WITS (Women, Invention & Technology Scholarship) Endowed Scholarship

### **Nevada Women's Fund \$10,000+ Contributor Level Endowments**

Amanda Fisher Lifelong Learning Scholarship

AT&T Nevada Endowed Scholarship

Barbara Nielsen Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Cheryl L. Guinan Perseverance Endowed Scholarship

Cyril T. Hofmeister, Jr. Endowed Scholarship

Derrivan/Rinaldi Endowed Scholarship

Dr. Kristen McNeill Endowed Scholarship

Faralie S. Spell Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Gail E. Aldrich Endowed Scholarship

Isabelle Rodriguez Wilson Endowed Scholarship

Marco/Schaffner Endowed Scholarship

Margaret Hart Conaboy Endowed Scholarship

Pauline Helms Endowed Scholarship

The Wild Blueberry Fund Endowed Scholarship

### **Nevada Women's Fund Annual Scholarships**

AAUW- Reno (NV) Branch

Amy Biehl Scholarship Funded by Dermody Properties Foundation

Ashley and Emily Foundation

Beverly Jean Acton Sr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Brookfield School Scholarship

Courage Sans Peur Foundation Scholarship

Cynthia Osborn Scholarship

Dena L. Kruse Memorial Scholarship

E.L. Cord Foundation Scholarship

Georgia Loy Scholarship

Jay Family Scholarship

Melanie Watkins Scholarship

Northern Nevada Women in Technology Forum Scholarship

NVTeach Scholarship

NWF Board Alumnae Scholarship

NWF Hall of Fame Scholarship

Orduna Hastings Scholarship

PK Electrical Inc. Scholarship

PPG Accounting Education Scholarship

Ross & Dorothy Ballard Scholarship

Ruth Gaiser Brown Scholarship

Sarah Dean Gaiser Nursing Scholarship

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Wood Rogers Scholarship



## *Thank you to Nevada Women's Fund's New Corporate Scholarship Donors!*



On behalf of the Women in Tesla Engineering group, Tesla has made a generous contribution of \$155,000 to Nevada Women's Fund, marking the establishment of the Women in Tesla Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship is dedicated to empowering women who are venturing into engineering careers. Additionally, the Women in Tesla will be offering ongoing mentoring, as well as paid internship opportunities to their scholarship recipients during the third and fourth years of their academic journeys. This year, we are delighted to announce that two exceptional students, Fayth Burnett a freshman from Fernley, embarking on her journey at UNR, and Jennifer Rodriguez Reynoso from Reno, also beginning her studies at UNR, have been awarded the highly sought after Tesla scholarships. Congratulations to Fayth and Jennifer for their outstanding achievements!

Brookfield School has been steadfast in its commitment to bolstering the pool of well-prepared educators in our region, exemplified by their continuous support of the Brookfield School Annual Scholarship over the last three years. In an exciting development this year, Brookfield School has expanded its support to include not only two scholarships but also the introduction of paid internships. We are thrilled to announce that Tania Luna from Sparks and Marina Vallejo, from Reno, have been selected as the recipients of the prestigious Brookfield School Scholarships. Heartfelt congratulations to both Tania and Marina on this remarkable achievement!



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group, LLC**  
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Persing Professional Group took a commendable step last year by launching the PPG Accounting Education Endowed Scholarship, aimed at fostering greater female representation in the fields of accounting and finance. We are delighted to announce that for 2023, Joanna Flores, hailing from Sparks, has been selected as the deserving recipient of this scholarship and was offered a paid internship at Persing Professional Group where she began working in July. Her dedication and commitment are truly commendable, and we look forward to witnessing her continued growth and success.

AT&T Nevada, a long-standing supporter and advocate for Nevada Women's Fund, has reaffirmed its commitment to our mission by establishing an endowed scholarship in the year 2023. This remarkable initiative is designed to provide a lasting legacy, ensuring that educational opportunities for women bear the AT&T Nevada name in perpetuity.



The establishment of this scholarship is a testament to AT&T Nevada's recognition of the pivotal role that education plays in shaping a brighter future, where women can excel and make meaningful contributions to society across various fields and industries. It exemplifies their vision of a world where opportunities are abundant and accessible to all, ensuring that the legacy of empowering, lives on for generations to come.



## *Meet a few of our 2023 Scholarship Recipients!*



Emily Schwarz is pursuing her medical degree at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. She is a two-year Nevada Women's Fund Scholarship recipient and plans to use her education to become a Family Medicine physician. She also does salsa dancing in her spare time.



Raveon Harrowa is from Fernley and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in social work and plans to obtain a master's degree. She is a 1st time Nevada Women's Fund scholarship recipient and plans to use her education to help those who struggle with addiction find recovery and sobriety in a life worth living clean. In her free time, she enjoys online shopping, going to the movies with her 7-year-old daughter, and taking walks with their dog-Toast.



Sofia Castillo-Trujillo is a first generation student born and raised in Hawthorne. She is attending her second year at the UNR Reynolds School of Journalism. With a minor in social justice, Sofia hopes to use the two areas of study to write advocacy journalism. In her spare time, Sofia enjoys collecting houseplants and spending time outdoors.



Ashby Trotter is from Fallon and pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Biotechnology with a minor in Mathematics at UNR. She is an avid student researcher who plans to use her education to pursue a graduate degree in bioengineering. She is an artist as well. During her spare time, she loves to work with all different mediums and art forms. One of her goals is to perform research that combines both her passion for science and artistry.



Rabia Rafique is a first time Nevada Women's Fund scholarship recipient. She graduated from UNR with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology in Spring 2022, and will be a first year student at the UNR School of Medicine in Fall 2023. She intends to practice in Nevada after completing her studies to provide exceptional care to the residents of Nevada, including her family.



Jennifer Heppner is a PhD candidate graduating this year in UNR's Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology Program. Her academic interests focus on urban ecology, investigating how our cities, and the changes we make to our landscape, affect the wildlife that live in our backyards. She has devoted her graduate experience to scientific outreach and student mentorship. She hopes to continue her urban wildlife research, discovering ways to make cities more habitable for local wildlife.



Kim Ortega is pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Biomedical Engineering and a minor in Mathematics at UNR. She is a first-generation student and plans to use her education to aid in advancing technology used for healthcare purposes such as medical devices and prostheses. She loves to do yoga and go paddle boarding in her spare time.



Since childhood, Clarissa Luna's life has been about caring for others, first her siblings, as a doula at a birth center, then her own little family and now the building of her new pursued career as a future registered nurse for the state of Nevada. Once graduated, her plans are to make an impact in public health and use her skills in the art of wellness for Nevada residents in geriatrics or labor and delivery.





## Mark Your Calendars:

### 2024 Salute to Women of Achievement

Where: Downtown Reno Ballroom

When: May 23, 2024

What time: 11 am

### 2024 Scholarship Applications

Open October 15, 2023 through  
December 31, 2023

Visit [nevadawomensfund.org](http://nevadawomensfund.org)  
for more information!

## Nevada Women's Fund Mission

Nevada Women's Fund is dedicated to Empowering Women to Achievement through education and career advancement opportunities, uplifting their families, and ultimately strengthening the very fabric of our community.

We believe that education is the cornerstone of empowerment. With the support of corporate and community donors, NWF provides scholarships to deserving women, unlocking their potential and offering them the opportunity to complete their education.



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