



Donor Report 2020-2021

MINNESOTA
PRIVATE
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FUND

About the Fund

Business leaders created the Minnesota Private College Fund in 1951. They were seeking a way to assist private colleges and support student access to a high-quality education.

Since its inception 70 years ago, the Fund has raised more than \$92 million. Every dollar raised goes directly to member institutions and their students, augmenting the funds that the colleges are able to raise.

The Fund raises money for two purposes:

- **General operating support** pays for books, lab equipment, computers, utilities, maintenance and other core needs.
- **Need-based scholarships** help students from low- and middle-income families afford a quality college education.

Pooled scholarships

Pooled scholarships are a tool that many donors use to address emerging scholarship needs. Sponsored by a collection of donors who contribute at varying levels, these scholarships are awarded directly through campus financial aid offices. The options include:

- Access & Equity Pooled Scholarship — for students of color, new Americans and first generation students;
- Galileo Pooled Scholarship — for students studying the STEM disciplines of science, technology, engineering or mathematics; and
- Minnesota Scholars Fund Scholarship — for students from Minnesota.

Named scholarships

Named scholarships are another option. Donors interested in establishing a named scholarship make a minimum annual contribution of \$17,000, with awards then being made to students at all of our member institutions.



“I was looking for opportunities to improve my skills as a person and professionally; Concordia helped me reach those goals. I came to college with a list, and I would say that I’ve pretty much checked off everything that was on it.”

— Nassima El Kasmi
Concordia College, Moorhead '22
Healthcare Management
Phillips Scholars Program

Fiscal Year 2021 Report

Our students and institutions are the grateful beneficiaries of the generosity of 128 donors whose commitments to the Fund in fiscal year 2021 totaled \$1,359,161.

This was distributed to the member institutions as designated by donors, in the form of more than \$176,000 in operating support and more than 300 student scholarships.

It is especially encouraging to note that 16 new donors made gifts to the Fund, 13 lapsed donors resumed giving and 17 others were able to provide increases over their previous gifts.

Pledges and gifts towards future campaigns were also made in 2020-2021. The Boldt Company, the Ciresi Walburn Foundation for Children, the Winton Jones Foundation, John and Karen Meslow, the Jay & Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Minnesota, the UPS Foundation, and US Bank Foundation all provided future scholarship support.

We are grateful that two donors — Emerson and the Helen Harrington Charitable Trust — continued to provide two of the Fund’s largest gifts of unrestricted operating dollars each year.



“It has made a huge difference in my life and my parent’s lives since they are helping pay for my education. It is less stress for them, less worrying for me and it has allowed me to go to a great school like Saint Mary’s. It’s a place I know I’m going to miss when I graduate.”

— Kelly Ferguson
Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota '22
Public Relations
Hubbard Broadcasting Foundation Scholarship

Donors of Distinction

In 2020-21, these donors have made the largest donations this fiscal year. We welcome their critical support, which allows us to make a real difference for our colleges and their students.



HELEN HARRINGTON CHARITABLE TRUST

Winton Jones Foundation



50+ Year Donors

Many donors support private higher education for the long haul. Year after year, they remain steadfast, consistently at our side. In fact, for a growing number, the commitment has endured for 50 or even 60 years.

New 60-Year Donor - Groves Foundation

Groves Foundation is a private foundation, tax exempt since 1955, based in Minneapolis. Over the years, Groves Foundation has provided more than \$305,000 in operating support for our 17 member colleges and universities. In addition to supporting higher education through the Fund, Groves Foundation also supports organizations involved in arts and culture, treating and curing heart disease, testing for public safety, fostering national or international amateur sports competition, and the prevention of cruelty to children and animals.

The 50+ Roll Call

Generations of students have been helped by the generosity of these donors, and others who have met this milestone. The following donors have been with us for more than 50 years:

Xcel Energy	69 years
North Shore Bank	66 years
Otter Tail Corporation	65 years
BNSF Railway Foundation	64 years
Merchants Bank	64 years
WNB Financial	63 years
Faegre Drinker Foundation	62 years
Goodin Company	62 years
The Graco Foundation	61 years
Groves Foundation	60 years
Securian Financial	58 years
Emerson	57 years
The Medtronic Foundation	57 years
Wenger Foundation	56 years
The Jay & Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Minnesota	54 years
Western Bank	53 years
National Checking Company	52 years
WinCraft Incorporated	51 years

“My mom and dad always instilled the significance of education in me, and I needed to go because they couldn’t.”

- Henry Ortiz (pictured on cover)
Hamline University '19
Marketing
Xcel Energy Scholarship

Donors

We appreciate the generosity of our donors. These gifts make such a difference, helping make a private college education possible for our students.

Years of Giving

Recognizing gifts received July 2020 to June 2021

Elite Circle (\$200,000 and up)

Ciresi Walburn Foundation	4
for Children	
The Jay and Rose Phillips	54
Family Foundation of Minnesota	

Founder's Circle (\$75,000 - \$99,999)

Securian Financial	58
Xcel Energy	69

Board's Circle (\$50,000 - \$74,999)

The Council of Independent	44
Colleges through its	
CIC/UPS Educational	
Endowment Fund	
John & Karen Meslow	23

President's Circle (\$25,000 - \$49,999)

The Graco Foundation	61
Helen Harrington Charitable	43
Trust	
Winton Jones Foundation	2
Medtronic Foundation	57
Communities Fund	
Richard M. Schulze Family	6
Foundation	
Wenger Foundation	56

Scholar's Circle (\$15,000 - \$24,999)

Emerson	57
US Bank Foundation	45

Benefactor (\$10,000 - \$14,999)

BNSF Railway Foundation	64
Faegre Drinker Foundation	62
Margaret Rivers Fund	32
Mary Lynn & Warren Staley	23

Patron (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

The Boldt Company	17
Boss Foundation	27
Paul Cerkvenik &	23
Kathleen Murray	
Groves Foundation	60
Bill Lurton	22
Marvin Windows & Doors	32

Provost (\$3,000 - \$4,999)

Otter Tail Corporation	65
Archie D. & Bertha H. Walker	4
Foundation	

Dean (\$1,000 - \$2,999)

Anonymous Donor	45
Anonymous Donor	2
Dave & Muriel Arnold	39
Family Fund	
Kathleen M. Cooney	7
& Robert J. LaBombard	
David & Kitty Crosby	32
Dexter Davis	2
Susan M. Eich	7
Ann Houser Charitable Fund,	7
a donor-advised fund	
of the American Center for	
Philanthropy	

Helen & Eldon Jones Fund	30
of the Mankato Area	
Foundation	

Kuhrmeyer Family Foundation	27
Joanne Laird	33
Michael & Sylvia Lovett	8
Merchants Bank	64

Russ & Jan Michaletz	13
Teresa Mogensen	3
National Checking Company	52
J. Thomas & Janet Rajala Nelson	25

Fund of The Saint Paul	
Foundation	

Laurie Nordquist	11
North Shore Bank	66
Nuss Family/Nuss Truck	31

& Equipment Donor Advised	
Fund of the Rochester Area	
Foundation	

Premier Banks	29
Slaggie Family Foundation	18
Slumberland/Larson Foundation	33
Western Bank	53
WNB Financial	63

Professor (\$750 - \$999)

James & Chris Green	10
Abigail & Paul Pribbenow	15
WinCraft, Inc.	51
Angela Wordell	4

Years of Giving

Graduate (\$500 - \$749)

James H. Barnes III	13
& Barbara A. Barnes	
Rev. James P. Burns IVD	3
William & Anne Craft	7
Goodin Company Foundation	62
Carolyn & Patrick Jones	7
Kohner Materials	45
Dan Loritz	5
John & Cherie McDowall	35
McGough Construction	29
Wm. Miller Scrap Iron	26
& Metal Co.	
May & Vern Nordling	36
Jay Olson	4
Gregg Peterson	1
Philipps Bus Service	39
Rapp Strategies, Inc.	29
Jim Rustad	10
Brian & Nancy Siska	18
Family Fund of	
The Minneapolis Foundation	
Smith Foundry Company	40
A. Hope Williams	2

Baccalaureate (\$250 - \$499)

Anonymous Donor	5
4J2RIC Limited Partnership	28
Thomas & Rebecca Bergman	6
Rev. Brian Friedrich	2
Ajay Gupta	3
Laurie Hamen	1
Lance Hazzard	1
Robert & Sharon Mattison	17
Barbara McDonald	2
Mississippi Welders Supply Co.	46
Rand Park	11
Dr. Suzanne M. Rivera	1
Becky & Mark Roloff	5
Stacy Rooney	6
Schwab Construction	45
St. Paul Linoleum & Carpet Co.	36
Douglas Stang	5
Julie Sullivan	8

Associate (Gifts up to \$249)

Anonymous Donor	6
Ross Allen	1
D.J. Bitzan Jewelers	21
Gerald D. Brennan	2
Norbert Conzemius	1
Molly Doran	16
Charles A. Flinn, Jr.	1
Foussard Hospitality	38
Dr. Stanley M.	29
& Luella G. Goldberg	
Dr. John Hartung	1
Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Haugh	28
Carolyn W. Herman	1
David & Marjorie Hols	1
Joanne Kendall	14
Mark Kronholm	13
Brenda & Tom Lyseng	1
Thomas McKeown	9
Sara Meslow & Paul Vahle	1
Dr. Fayneese Miller	5
Marvin W. Peterson	2
Gene & Carrie Pfeifer	6
Steven Poskanzer	11
& Jane Nofer Poskanzer	
Reasor Family Foundation	20
Tom & Susie Ries	9
Virginia Ruddy	1
Sanjit Sethi -	2
Minneapolis College	
of Art & Design	
James J. Solem	2
Charles & Theresa Standish-Kuon	1
Bruce & Kaye Stender	17
Kathy & Chris Thomforde	6
Dick & Connie Tressel	1
Robert Vanasek	13
Brad White	1
Linda L. Zechmann	13

Tribute Gifts

In memory of Dr. Sarojini Gupta

Ajay Gupta

In honor of Ann Houser

Lance Hazzard

In remembrance of Jenno Paulucci

Reasor Family Foundation

In memory of David B. Laird, Jr.

Past President of the Minnesota

Private College Council and Fund

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Norbert Conzemius

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Minnesota Private Colleges

Augsburg University
Minneapolis
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Mankato
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Macalester College
St. Paul
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Bethel University
St. Paul
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of Art and Design
Minneapolis
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Collegeville
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