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A Simple Mission



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Greater Riverside Dollars For Scholars

- GRDFS was founded 24 years ago by a group of concerned educators, civic leaders and business leaders including Art Pick, Doug Wardle and Kathy Wright.
- The first scholarships for \$500 each were awarded in 1995 to two students graduating from Norte Vista High School.
- More than \$2 million dollars has been awarded to over 1,400 students from 31 high schools and special schools.



GRDFS Today

- Today the GRDFS organization is made up of an all volunteer board
- The BOD includes dedicated educators, local professors, and business people committed to maximizing opportunity for as many future college students as resources allow.
- Focus on establishing and administering scholarships for individuals, organizations, and businesses willing to contribute to the cause



The Challenge

- 31+ Schools with more than 20,000+ graduating students in 2019
- Many want to go to college but most will need some level of financial support
- With no financial support most will never start and few will finish



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How We Address the Challenge

- GRDFS helps make college a reality for local high school grads
 RUSD / ALVORD / MORENO VALLEY / MISC OTHER SCHOOLS
- 52+ Scholarships (Needs based/mock trial/arts)
- \$500-\$5000 -- One-Time & Renewable (trending)
- No geographic restrictions as to universities or colleges attended

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Application to Distribution Process

- Central Hub generates hundreds of online applicants
- Evaluate & score hundreds of student applications
- Select recipient(s) based on the individual criteria of each scholarship
- Award scholarships during the GRDFS annual Awards ceremony
- Distribute funds directly to universities or colleges once enrollment is confirmed



Scholarship Sponsors

- Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce's Business Councils
- National Charity League
- The Community Foundation
- Al Miller Family Scholarship
- Alvord Management and Confidential Employees
- Wicks Family Scholarship
- Katherine C. Webb Scholarship
- Riverside Dickens Festival
- Riverside County Board of Supervisors



Ways To Get Involved



- Establish and host fundraisers to generate donations direct to GRDFS
- Show support through attendance to the GRDFS annual fundraiser
- GRDFS gladly accepts donations from individuals and companies
- Establish scholarships in the name of your business or a family member

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Thank You

We are thankful to the community, city leadership, Chambers of Commerce, and business owners who support our efforts in partnership.



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