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## LOS ANGELES SCHOLARS INVESTMENT FUND

WE BELIEVE A WELL-EDUCATED SOCIETY IMPROVES OUR ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE AND CREATES A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR REGION. THE LOS ANGELES SCHOLARS INVESTMENT FUND COMBINES MULTIYEAR SCHOLARSHIPS WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND RESOURCES PROVEN TO HELP STUDENTS GRADUATE. TOGETHER WITH OUR PARTNERS, WE HAVE HELPED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF L.A. YOUTH PREPARE FOR, PAY FOR AND SUCCEED IN COLLEGE AND BEYOND.

L.A. County is a world-class hub for higher education. Yet we don't produce the number of college graduates needed to sustain and grow our economy. Only half of our students complete high school with the classes required to apply to a four-year college. Those who make it to college often face significant financial and other obstacles, with just one in five L.A. public university students graduating within four years.

Studies show that a bachelor's degree creates an additional one million dollars in lifetime earning potential, meaning that our entire local economy benefits when L.A. students graduate from college.

### THE WAY FORWARD

The **Los Angeles Scholars Investment Fund (LASIF)** combines need-based scholarships with intensive services before and during college to address the multifaceted financial, academic and personal barriers that have led to a college completion crisis in our community.

Launched in 2012 as a collaborative initiative of the California Community Foundation and the College Futures Foundation, LASIF supporters now include a large network of individual donors and partner foundations, working together to help our most vulnerable students go to college and graduate on time.

### OUR IMPACT

- More than **35,000** students have received college access and success services
- Nearly **7,000** students have received need-based scholarships
- **91%** of LASIF's scholars have persisted in college
- **\$22.5 million** in grants

*Since 2012*

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## INVESTING FOR IMPACT

Ending the graduation crisis takes more than just scholarships. LASIF helps students get to and through college using a portfolio of **support services** proven to be effective in helping students graduate.

- Mentorship
- Academic preparation
- Financial aid application assistance
- College counseling
- Family Engagement

## YOUNG MEN OF COLOR

Recognizing that young men of color are underserved and underrepresented in college preparation programs and at most local four-year colleges, in 2017, LASIF launched a targeted two-year, \$2 million initiative to support promising practices to better help **young men of color** access college and succeed once they are in college.

## EMERGENCY FUNDS

In today's L.A., with high living costs and rising tuition rates, the aspirations of college students can too easily be derailed by acute financial struggles and unexpected crises like not being able to make rent or a surprise medical bill. Traditional scholarships are often limited in ability to address these needs. Through LASIF's **Emergency Student Aid program**, nonprofit partners will provide micro-grants to students to address a specific crisis or unmet need that may otherwise jeopardize their educational dreams. Like all of LASIF's work, these financial resources are combined with additional services to support student success.

## CHANGING SYSTEMS

The Los Angeles Scholars Investment Fund is part of CCF's broader grantmaking effort to address disparities in student achievement among the most vulnerable in our communities. From cradle to college, we fund issues like early childhood education access, support for English language learners and college opportunity for students of color. We want to help create a future in which all Angelenos have the opportunity to learn, succeed and thrive.

## BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION

An investment in LASIF is a commitment to helping the students of Los Angeles County reach their potential. To join with other LASIF donors to change the course of L.A.'s economic future and end the college graduation crisis, contact Senior Program Officer **Kelly King** at [kking@calfund.org](mailto:kking@calfund.org), Donor Relations Officer **Celina Santiago** at [csantiago@calfund.org](mailto:csantiago@calfund.org) or visit [calfund.org/lasif](http://calfund.org/lasif).

