

BOLSTERING COLLEGE AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Help develop a brighter future for local high school students.

This Giving Guide connects generous donors with high-impact nonprofits driving change in our community. Each featured organization has been thoughtfully selected for their proven ability to help students realize a dream of college or career training after high school graduation. Our goal is to inspire deeper philanthropic investments in these organizations' important work, and in turn, spark connections that lead to a stronger, more vibrant community.

Community Snapshot

- Most jobs today need education or training beyond high school—but only about half of our local students are getting there. Young people in under-resourced neighborhoods are being hit the hardest.
- These students are full of potential but face real barriers—such as limited access to youth programs, career advising, and post-secondary planning that make it harder to graduate, pursue higher education and secure good jobs.
- Expanding access to college and career pathway programs will be a key driver in closing these gaps and helping more students move confidently from high school into the future they deserve.



Let's Build a Future Where Every Young Person Can Succeed



Be a part of something big, local, urgent, and hopeful.

Help us reach our community goal:
By 2030, 70% of San Antonio's high school graduates can enroll in college or career training.

Our Commitment

The San Antonio Area Foundation is proud to invest in the Future Ready Bexar County initiative. Over the next six years, we have committed \$25 million to uplift students through grants and scholarships that increase college enrollment.

- This year alone, the Area Foundation awarded \$4 million in scholarships to students in under-resourced neighborhoods.
- In addition, \$7.1 million has been awarded to 16 nonprofits to strengthen their college and career pathway programs.

70%
Community Goal
Enrollment Rate

56%
Current
Enrollment Rate

Help Us Reach our Goal...

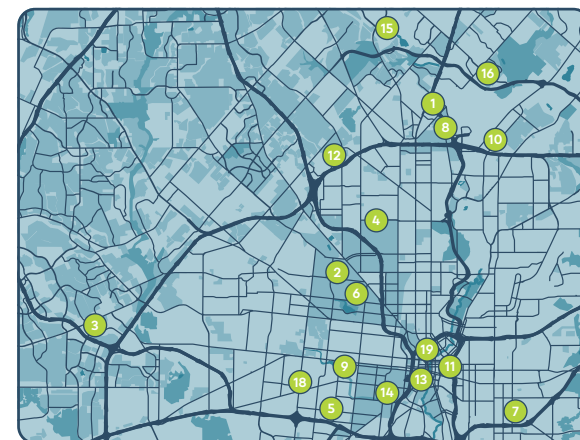
Support the San Antonio Area Foundation's work:

- Give to the Future Ready Impact Fund which supports organizations that guide young people from classroom to career and remove the barriers to success.

[Donate here.](#)

Nonprofit partners creating college and career pathways for students in targeted neighborhoods

- 1 Big Brothers Big Sisters**
Mentors youth for career readiness with a focus on enrollment, enlistment and employment.
- 2 Boys & Girls Club**
Prepares students in underserved neighborhoods for college and career.
- 3 CALVARY**
Offers apprenticeships, certifications and career path planning for underserved youth.
- 4 Girls Inc**
Provides mentors and role models to strengthen girls' college preparation.
- 5 Good Samaritan Center**
Enhances college readiness through college tours, career-speaking events and scholarship application support.
- 6 Empower House SA**
Supports students in marginalized communities through mentoring, tutoring, and counseling.
- 7 Gemini Ink**
Integrates literacy with social-emotional learning in schools, social services, and juvenile centers.
- 8 Girls on the Run**
Builds life skills and confidence through sports programs that prepare girls for the future.
- 9 Healthy Futures of Texas**
Helps at-risk students overcome barriers to high school completion through youth development programs.
- 10 Lemonade Circle**
Offers mentorship, leadership development, and readiness programs for young women of color.
- 11 Magik Theater**
Runs the Leaders in Training Program to prepare students for careers in the arts.
- 12 Rise Recovery**
Supports students in recovery through the Rise Inspire Academy, which helps them maintain their education while addressing substance use.
- 13 San Antonio Education Partnership**
Provides advising, workshops, and renewable scholarships to guide students toward higher education.
- 14 SAY Sí**
Combines arts training and mentorship to create career and college pathways.
- 15 Students of Service**
Builds young leaders through community service and global experiences.
- 16 Urban Soccer Leadership Academy**
Connects graduating seniors with mentors to support college enrollment.
- 17 Youth do Vote (Remote Location)**
Promotes civic engagement and higher education by linking high school students with local colleges.
- 18 YWCA**
Offers academic support, leadership development, and financial empowerment for underserved youth.
- 19 100 Black Men**
Provides one-on-one mentorship, tutoring, and workshops to prepare students for life beyond high school.



Support Featured Nonprofits

- These recommendations have been carefully vetted and curated by San Antonio Area Foundation staff. Donor advised fund holders may make grants to these organizations directly from their funds.

Other Ways to Support Students

- Volunteer to serve as a Scholarship Evaluator for San Antonio Area Foundation. More than 20,000 students applied for scholarships this year, and over 1,500 students received \$13.2 million in awards from San Antonio Area Foundation. Volunteers are essential to making this possible.

[Learn more here.](#)

- Volunteer with featured nonprofits in this Giving Guide. Your time and expertise can have just as much impact as financial contributions.
- Share this Giving Guide with a friend or family member you think would be interested in helping high schoolers prepare for college.
- Contact our Philanthropic Advisors for additional or customized recommendations.

The San Antonio Area Foundation by the Numbers

\$800M
Grants distributed since 1964

600+
Separate Funds administered

60
Years as San Antonio's Community Foundation

Together, We Can Build Brighter Futures.

Every gift of time, talent, and treasure brings us closer to a future where college and career pathways are accessible for all young people in our community. By supporting these nonprofits and the San Antonio Area Foundation Future Ready Impact Fund, you are helping students overcome barriers, achieve their goals, and step confidently into college, careers, and leadership roles.

Thank you for investing in the next generation and for believing in the power of opportunity.

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