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# CONGRATS TO OUR 2024 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



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# CONGRATS TO OUR 2024 CATALYSTS FOR GIRLS AWARDEES







## LEAVE A LEGACY

At Girls Inc. of Metro Denver we believe that all girls have the right to access quality post-secondary education, to follow their passions, and reach their full potential. We believe that all girls have the right to pursue advanced degrees and career opportunities without tuition costs prohibiting their success.

Join us in shaping the future generation of leaders by creating your own Girls Inc. scholarship and leaving a lasting legacy that uplifts and inspires generations to come.



# **ABOUT OUR SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### HELEN M. MCLORAINE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Helen M. McLoraine Scholarship Fund was established in 2005 in memory of Helen McLoraine, a pioneer in the oil industry and a woman who embodied the Girls Inc. mission of inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. By inspiring girls to be active in community service, strive for higher education, and gain advanced skills and knowledge they need to realize bright futures, they carry on Helen's legacy. The Scholarship fund provides competitive awards to girls who have participated in Girls Inc. of Metro Denver programs. Each year the Scholarship fund awards a minimum of \$45,000.

#### DYAN L. FOSS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In 2018, Charles and Sandra Foss established the Dyan L. Foss Scholarship Fund in memory of their daughter, Dyan Foss. Dyan was the Global Managing Director at CH2M and a Girls Inc. supporter committed to engaging girls in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). The scholarship fund provides an annual scholarship of \$5,000 to a high school girl planning to pursue higher education in a STEM degree field. The scholarship will challenge girls to be leaders and encourage their interests in STEM during their post-secondary years and in their future careers.

To get started, or learn more, email Haley Shilts, Director of Development, at hshilts@gidenver.org or call 303-893-4363 X 114.

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#### HIGH-TECH HIGH HEELS STEM SCHOLARSHIP

Starting in 2023, Girls Inc. of Metro Denver has partnered with High-Tech High Heels to award the High-Tech High Heels STEM Scholarships. This year, we will award one scholarship in the amount of \$5,000. This scholarship fund will provide a scholarship to a current 12th grader planning to pursue higher education in a STEM degree field.

#### LAREY PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP

New in 2023-2024, the LaRey Peterson Scholarship was created in honor of LaRey Peterson, a life-long educator from Box Elder County, Utah. The scholarship was formed to allow prospective first-generation college students to get some assistance with pursuing their post high school education in any area of study.

#### KENA CONTRERAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Since 2023, Girls Inc. of Metro Denver has awarded the Kena Contreras Memorial Scholarship. Kena was born in Mexico and moved to the U.S. at age 9. She proudly became a naturalized citizen in 1987 and self-funded her undergraduate degree in Justice Studies and her MBA at Arizona State University. Kena's career had several chapters including being a Foster Care Advocate for the Arizona State Supreme Court, a Pharmaceutical Sales Representative and the last and most fulfilling was as a teacher for grades 4-6. Kena was a passionate person and shared her opinions freely. Kena made a difference in many people's lives. The Kena Contreras Memorial Scholarship is to honor her memory, inspire others to pursue their dreams through education and to make a difference in the lives of those who receive the scholarship.

# TIFFANY K. PAYNE AND MATT MANN COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Since 2021, Girls Inc. of Metro Denver has awarded the Tiffany K. Payne and Matt Mann Scholarship to support a first-generation college student attending a Colorado Community College. This \$5,000 award will provide two years of funding (\$2,500 per year consecutively) to a current high school senior planning to enroll as a community college student in fall of 2024. The award is open to any area of post-secondary study.

### THANK YOU SCHOLARSHIP INVESTORS

# **GET INVOLVED**

TrailblazHERs is a dynamic community of women dedicated to supporting the next generation of women leaders. Through quarterly hands-on engagement, meaningful connections, and an **annual contribution of** \$250 or more, this group is ensuring that every girl has the support and opportunities she deserves.

# BECOME A TRAILBLAZHER

# ECLUSIVE ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER CARNIVAL + SECRET GARDEN HAPPY HOUR

July 25, 2024

Location: Girls Inc. of Metro Denver

Time: 3:00-4:30 PM Volunteer Opportunity

4:30-5:00 PM Happy Hour

GIRLS INC. CEO + FOUNDER FIRESIDE CHAT

Nov-Dec 2024 Location TBD

SCHOLARSHIP MOCK INTERVIEWS + PROFESSIONAL BOUTIQUE

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# **GET INVOLVED**

Girls Inc. of Metro Denver relies on more than 300 volunteers to move our mission forward. Opportunities are available for both individuals and groups. Please note that these are not the only opportunities available and we are happy to have a conversation about how you can lend your skills and time.

# BECOME A VOLUNTEER

You can make a positive impact by assisting with a variety of organizational needs. Whether you prefer one-time events or ongoing commitments, there are opportunities for everyone.

Support our programs and interact directly with girls, contribute to the upkeep of our center through tasks like cleaning and organizing, or offer pro-bono services. Your time and effort will directly contribute to making our vision of powerful girls in an equitable society a reality.

Committee and Content Experts
We are always looking for dedicated
volunteers to share their expertise or
company services in a way that can lead to
deeper partnership
or involvement.

To volunteer or learn more, email Briana Gonzales, Volunteer Program Manager, at bgonzales@gidenver.org or call 303-893-4363 X 115.



# THANK YOU MY BOLD FUTURE

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