Print and Graphics Scholarship Foundation

2024-2025 IMPACT REPORT

Investing in the future. Graphically engaging since 1956

The Print and Graphics Scholarship Foundation (PGSF) is a non-profit organization that offers undergraduate college and technical school scholarships, educational use grants, and graduate fellowship assistance to individuals interested in graphic communication careers.

Our Mission Continues to Evolve!

To financially support students pursuing a career in graphic communications.

Students pursuing a career in graphic communications, printing technology, printing management, graphic design, or publishing are invited to apply for scholarships. Applications open annually in November.

To provide grants to the educational communities.

Through connections and financial support of instructors and educational programs intended to guide and teach the next generation of the graphic communications workforce.

To create awareness of graphic communications as a career path.

PGSF operates under the oversight of a board of directors comprised of industry leaders and educators with a passion for the industry and who are dedicated to furthering our goals and mission.



The Impact is Real for Students

PGSF scholarship recipients include full-time and part-time students, as well as those working in the print and graphic communications industry pursuing additional education and furthering their careers. The financial assistance we offer makes a huge difference, nurturing our future workforce. For two years I've had the privilege of receiving this graphic design scholarship, and it's made a real difference—not just financially, but in how I've been able to focus and grow creatively. The support allowed me to take on internships, experiment more boldly in my design work, and push myself in ways I wouldn't have been able to otherwise. I'm genuinely grateful for that.

Michelle Maingi Sophomore, MICA

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2024-2025 by the Numbers

SCHOLARSHIPS

Schools Attended by Scholarship Winners Across the US

1,025 Scholarship Applications Received

***3,900+** Average Scholarship Annual Scholarships Awarded

Scholarships Awarded Since 1956

\$560,000 Awarded in Scholarships and Fellowships

GRANTS

Grant Applications Received

\$3,475 Average Grant **29** Grant Requests Approved

100,775 Total Grant Money Committed

Reducing Expenses Increasing Reach

in accordance with our bylaws and Board direction. With a total current endowment over \$11 million, we are committed to low fees, steady income, and preservation of capital. Our focus is to fund scholarship awards and grants from the earnings of the invested endowments keeping principal funds intact.



Scholarships

PGSF continues to grow our network and build the future workforce of the graphic communications industry through our annual educational scholarships program. Each year we provide technical school, undergraduate and graduate fellowship assistance to individuals interested in a career in the graphic communications field.

I'm incredibly honored to be a recipient of the Print and Graphics Scholarship Foundation (PGSF) award in support of my graduate studies at Rochester Institute of Technology. This scholarship has not only provided meaningful financial relief, but it has also affirmed my passion and commitment to the print and graphic communications industry.

PGSF's support has empowered me to deepen my academic pursuits, explore advanced printing technologies, and contribute to sustainable innovations in the field. I'm grateful to be part of a network that believes in nurturing the next generation of print professionals. Thank you, PGSF, for investing in my journey and the future of our industry.

Mathew K. Kipruto Masters Program, Rochester Institute of Technology

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I appreciate the support of the Print and Graphics Foundation through my scholarship! It has been a tremendous help to me financially as a working college student living independently several hours away from home. I am so grateful for this opportunity!

Grace Preston Senior, Pennsylvania Western University

Our recipients include full-time and part-time students as well as individuals currently working in graphic communications seeking additional education. The online application period runs annually from November 1 to May 1. Applications are evaluated during May and June, and recipients are notified in July and August. Scholarship awards vary in amount from \$1,500 to \$10,000 per academic year, in most cases, for up to four years provided the recipient maintains a high scholastic average and continues in an approved program of study.

In our 2024-2025 scholarship year, \$560,000 was awarded to 144 students. The average scholarship was over \$3,900.





Grants

PGSF opened the fourth annual Educational Use Grant Program in January and received over 60 applications from graphic/visual communication educators from high schools, technical schools, colleges and universities requesting grant funds.

Grant applications are reviewed by members of the PGSF Board of Directors and over \$100,000 was awarded for equipment purchases, student travel and instructor continuing education. Examples of 2025 equipment funding includes Illinois State University, Normal, IL. They received funds for a Roland Direct to Film Printer. Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT is purchasing a Vastex V1000 Press and Dryer for use in screen printing.

Funds were also allocated for students and their instructors to attend industry events. These included TAGA, Printing United Expo, Skills USA, Adobe MAX and the R2R Conference held in Chicago.

Since the first PGSF Grant Program in 2022, over \$450,000 in grant funds have been distributed to educators in graphic/visual communications.

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Thank you so much for making this happen. The conference was a great success. There were lots of connections made and lessons learned. I can't tell you how appreciative we are of your organization's support for education.

Zachery Blackburn Department Chair, Graphic Arts, Flexography /Central Piedmont Community College



2024-2025 HIGH SCHOOL T-SHIRT WINNER Elizabeth Mills Concord High School, Concord, NC.

2024-2025 COLLEGE T-SHIRT WINNER Lindsey Mills University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS.



Contests

In an effort to continue to raise awareness and engagement with educators, institutions and their students, PGSF has annual design contests.

Our annual student design contests are used to engage and promote the print industry and scholarships that PGSF funds for education in graphic communications. These include Poster, T-Shirt and Box Design competitions open to high school and college students throughout the U.S. Students were asked to incorporate creative visuals to represent one of our three themes in 2024-25—Print is Authentic, Innovative or Sustainable. We received over 800 total entries!

Individual winners are awarded \$500 each, mentioned in digital channels, press releases and receive printed copies of their submissions. Produced posters, t-shirts and boxes are distributed into many schools, at trade shows, and shared out on our website for downloading.

Some designs are also available on merchandise or apparel on the PGSF Fundraising Store: **pgsf-fundraising.myspreadshop.com**

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I am so grateful to have this opportunity to compete and win this contest! This allows me to spend more time focusing on my craft instead of worrying about paying for supplies or my tuition. Once I graduate, I aim to work at a design firm and eventually become a creative director. I'd love to also do freelance work or any design passion projects!

Lindsey Mills College T-Shirt Winner University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

2024-2025 HIGH SCHOOL POSTER WINNER Asiyah Miller

Camden County Technical Schools, Pennsauken, NJ.



2024-2025 COLLEGE POSTER WINNER Carolina Harris

Saddleback College Mission Viejo, CA.



2024 FALL BOX WINNER Audrey Walch

California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, CA.



2025 SPRING BOX WINNER Beatrice Diaz

California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, CA.





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