



70 YEARS YOUNG!  
**Advancing the  
future of print  
& graphics**

The Foundation for Graphic Communication Education (FGCE) drives innovation and excellence in print and graphics, investing in the future through scholarships, school grants, and program support while championing the industry's vital role in communication, creativity, and commerce.



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**The Foundation**  
for Graphic  
Communication  
Education

# Our Mission Continues to **Expand!**

Guided by four core pillars—Students, Educators, Community, and Advocacy—the Foundation for Graphic Communication Education is broadening its reach to strengthen education, support career pathways, and drive industry growth.

## STUDENTS

We invest in the next generation of professionals by providing scholarships and access to career-building opportunities. From high school through college, we help students explore pathways in graphic communication and connect with industry leaders.

## EDUCATORS

We support educators and academic programs with grants for classroom equipment, curriculum enhancement, and professional development. By empowering instructors, we help ensure students are learning with current tools, technologies, and industry-relevant content.

## COMMUNITY

We connect students, educators, and industry to build a stronger, more collaborative ecosystem. This includes supporting participation in academic and industry events, investing in entry-level programs at technical schools and high schools, and partnering with organizations like the Graphic Communication Education Association (GCEA) to expand educational impact.

## ADVOCACY

We champion graphic communication as a dynamic and essential career path. Through outreach, partnerships, and industry engagement, we raise awareness, promote opportunities, and help ensure the continued growth and relevance of print and visual communication.

## The Impact is Real for Students

The Foundation scholarship recipients include full-time and part-time students, as well as those working in the print and graphic communication industry pursuing additional education and furthering their careers. The financial assistance we offer makes a huge difference, nurturing our future workforce.



*As I move into my last semester of college, I feel so grateful for the generosity you have provided. My educational pursuits would not be possible without the generous support from donors and scholarship foundations. This very gracious scholarship will not go to waste, for I will continue to work hard to honor this award. Thank you for enabling this opportunity!*

**Chloe Pound**  
Senior, Appalachian State University

# 2025-2026 by the Numbers

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**68**

Schools Attended by Scholarship Winners Across the US

**145**

Annual Scholarships Awarded

**1,000**

Scholarship Applications Received

**8,573**

Scholarships Awarded Since 1956

**\$3,750**

Average Scholarship

**\$535,000**

Awarded in Scholarships and Fellowships

## GRANTS

**60**

Grant Applications Received

**28**

Grant Requests Approved

**\$4,031**

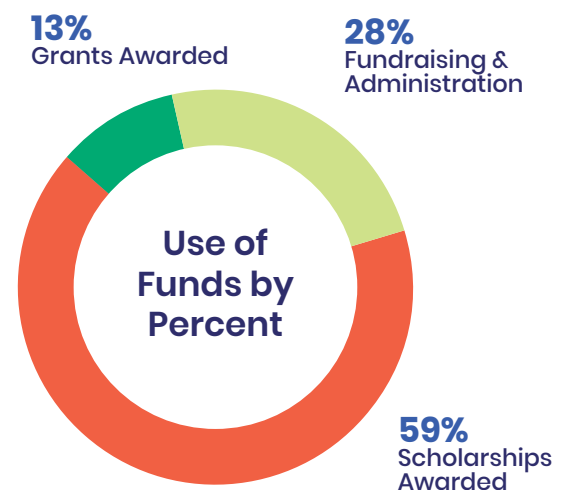
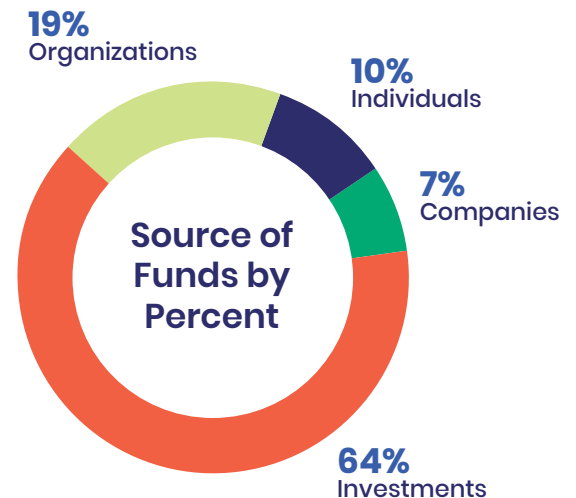
Average Grant

**\$112,873**

Total Grant Money Committed

## Reducing Expenses: Increasing Reach

This is done in accordance with our bylaws and Board direction. 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.





## Students

The Foundation continues to grow our network and build the future workforce of the graphic communication 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 communication field.



*Your generosity has made a meaningful difference in my academic journey by allowing me to focus more on my studies and professional growth. I truly appreciate the encouragement and support from industry professionals like you.*

*Thank you once again for your kindness and investment in my future. I am proud to be a recipient of this scholarship and look forward to giving back to the industry in the years ahead.*

**Mathew K. Kipruto**  
Masters Program, Rochester  
Institute of Technology



*Once again, please accept my heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support and generosity. Your belief in me has truly impacted me. As I continue my journey at Pittsburg State University, and pursue my passion that is studying Graphic Design and I cannot wait for the next year.*

**Emma Forst**  
Sophomore, Pittsburg State University

Our recipients include full-time and part-time students as well as individuals currently working in graphic communication 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 2025-2026 scholarship year, \$535,000 was awarded to 145 students. The average scholarship was over \$3,750.



## Education

The Foundation once again offered annual Educational Use Grants to educators. Over 60 applications from graphic/visual communication educators were received from high schools, technical schools, colleges and universities requesting funding!

Grant applications are reviewed by The Foundation Board of Directors and included a variety of opportunities to support individuals and programs. Equipment requests approved focused on tools used to teach print reproduction. The list included digital printers, a vacuum hold down cutter and VG3540 Printer/Cutter. Support was awarded to many schools, including Appalachian State University, Forsyth Technical Community College and Brighton High School.

Funds were also allocated for groups to attend industry events. Cal Poly, Arizona State University and University of Houston students and their instructors were some of the beneficiaries. These included TAGA, Printing UNITED Expo, SkillsUSA, Adobe MAX, Dscoop and the R2R Conference. In addition, six students from Clemson and Virginia Tech received financial support to attend The Packaging School.

Since its inception in 2022, The Foundation Grant Program has distributed over \$550,000 in grant funds to educators teaching graphic/visual communication curriculum.



*When students walk into Printing United, their eyes light up. They see the scale, innovation, and energy of the industry—and everything we teach in the classroom suddenly comes alive, expanding their vision of what's possible."*

**Amela O'Gorman**  
Assistant Professor  
Graphic Media Management  
Ferris State University



**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.



 **Advocacy**

The Foundation's annual design contests aim to raise awareness and engagement with educators, institutions and their students.

Our annual student design contests are used to engage and promote the print industry and scholarships that The Foundation funds for education in graphic communication. These include Poster, T-Shirt, Sticker and Box Design competitions open to high school and college students throughout the United States. Students are asked to incorporate creative visuals including specific themes in their design to promote education in graphic communication. Over 730 designs were submitted in 2025.

Individual winners are awarded \$500 each, mentioned in digital channels, press releases and receive printed copies of their submissions. Produced posters, stickers, 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 imprinted on merchandise or apparel online at The Foundation Fundraising Store:

[pgsf-fundraising.myspreadshop.com](https://pgsf-fundraising.myspreadshop.com)



*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.



*I wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your generous support through the Henry Dunlap Memorial Scholarship. I am incredibly honored to have been selected, and I'm truly grateful for the opportunity this scholarship provides. It will be a huge help for me to continue my education.*

*Thank you again for your generosity and for investing in students like me. I'm so excited to take the next step towards graduation and beyond, and your support has truly helped make that possible.*

**Sofia Pereda**  
Senior, Clemson University

**2025 SPRING BOX WINNER  
Beatrice Diaz**

California Polytechnic University,  
San Luis Obispo, CA.





## Community

**Donate online at [www.pgsf.org/donate](http://www.pgsf.org/donate)** through a one-time or ongoing donation, or contact us.

### Memorial or Honorary Gifts

Honor someone special in your life or in the industry with a donation to The Foundation.

### Estate and Planned Giving

Reduce your tax liability and retain more assets for your loved ones with an Estate Gift to The Foundation. Use direct transfer to donate from your IRA or 401(k) plan.

### Corporate and Foundation Giving

The Foundation works with organizations to identify areas of mutual interest benefiting the future of our industry.

### Existing Endowments


Contribute additional funds to the dozens of established existing endowed funds for a person, organization, or area.

### Payment Plans

Contributions can be made by check or credit card as a one-time donation, or recurring on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis.



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