

An Evening with the Stars

11th Annual Scholarship Reception

Monday, April 21, 2026 | 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Frontiers of Flight Museum

6911 Lemmon Ave, Dallas, TX 75209

Dear EIF Supporter,

You can help transform the life of a graduating Dallas County high school senior with an investment in the An Evening With the Stars Scholarship Reception, honoring Education is Freedom Scholars.

EIF Scholars are students selected from each of the high schools we serve for their demonstration of leadership, character, and drive. These exceptional students participate throughout the school year in skill-building activities to prepare them for success in college, careers, and beyond.

For many students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, the continuously rising cost of tuition has limited their access to postsecondary education. Too often, students who do enroll — the majority of whom may be the first in their families to attend and graduate from college — take on overwhelming student loan debt that will hinder their economic mobility for years to come.

With support from people like you, EIF Scholars will be able to begin their college journeys with reduced risk of becoming sidetracked by financial worry and debt. EIF works year-round to connect students from low-income backgrounds to colleges that will further their individual academic and career interests, foster their sense of belonging and self-efficacy, and offer generous merit- and need-based grants, scholarships, and other gift aid to make college affordable. Yet there are some essential costs that many college scholarships and grants just don't cover.

Your scholarship contribution will help provide EIF Scholars with flexible funding to pay for expenses not otherwise covered by financial aid — such as transportation to college, books, supplies, and personal costs (toiletries, clothing, laundry, etc.). We have learned that even a \$500 scholarship can make the difference between a student persisting through their first year of college and dropping out.

Join us in giving local students the confidence that comes with a community of support. Together, we are helping shape the future generation of our business owners, skilled workers, and community leaders.

Please find included the An Evening With the Stars Scholarship Sponsorship packet for further details on how your contribution can directly impact a student's life. Thank you for your consideration of this opportunity to support these high-achieving EIF Scholars!

With gratitude,

Dr. Susanna Russell

President & CEO, Education is Freedom

About Education is Freedom

Education is Freedom (EIF) is Dallas County's largest college and career advising program provider. Since 2002, EIF has helped more than 100,000 students and their families complete the college application process. EIF embeds full-time advisors in 53 high schools across 10 Dallas County school districts, serving students from Carrollton-Farmers Branch, Cedar Hill, Dallas, DeSoto, Duncanville, Garland, Grand Prairie, Irving, Lancaster, and Mesquite ISDs.

EIF's mission is to transform lives through education — empowering young people to dream, plan, and access postsecondary opportunities that enhance economic mobility.

About An Evening With the Stars

The Education is Freedom Scholars Program empowers high-achieving students with the knowledge and skills to select and successfully complete the postsecondary program that best aligns with their goals and aspirations. EIF Scholars are celebrated each spring with a scholarship reception — An Evening With the Stars.

This year, we invite you to join us for our 11th Annual An Evening With the Stars as we celebrate exceptional EIF Scholars from across Dallas County with scholarships that help make their higher education dreams a reality.



Click above to watch a video recap of last year's event!

Scholarship Sponsorship Levels

All Scholarship Sponsorships include: Name/logo recognition in digital event promotional materials (website, social media, and event program) and post-event news releases. Your sponsorship will also be listed in EIF's 2025–26 Annual Report. Tickets to An Evening With the Stars are included as noted.

Scholarships are customizable by the number of scholarships, the amount awarded (\$500–\$5,000 per student), and the ability to name the scholarship for your company or in honor/memory of an individual. Donations to the EIF Scholars Program will provide unnamed general scholarships for students. NOTE: Students must complete an enrollment verification form upon receiving their scholarship. If a student does not proceed with enrollment, contributions will roll over to the next program year.

\$25,000 — Torch Bearer

Named Scholarship(s) up to: \$12,500 | Donation to EIF Scholars Program: \$12,500

- Invitation for 5 guests to attend An Evening With the Stars
- Special acknowledgement as a Torch Bearer Scholarship Sponsor at the event
- Opportunity for a company representative to take photos with scholarship recipients
- Name and/or logo featured prominently on all event signage and in digital event promotional materials
- Scholarship Recipient progress report for Year 1

\$10,000 — Beacon

Named Scholarship(s) up to: \$5,000 | Donation to EIF Scholars Program: \$5,000

- Invitation for 5 guests to attend An Evening With the Stars
- Special acknowledgement as a Beacon Scholarship Sponsor at the event
- Opportunity for a company representative to take photos with scholarship recipient(s)
- Name and/or logo featured prominently on all event signage and in digital event promotional materials
- Scholarship Recipient progress report for Year 1

\$5,000 — Luminary

Named Scholarship(s) up to: \$2,500 | Donation to EIF Scholars Program: \$2,500

- Invitation for 4 guests to attend An Evening With the Stars
- Special acknowledgement as a Luminary Scholarship Sponsor at the event
- Opportunity for a company representative to take photos with scholarship recipient(s)
- Name and/or logo featured on all event signage and in digital event promotional materials
- Scholarship Recipient progress report for Year 1

\$1,000 — Spark

Donation to EIF Scholars Program: \$1,000

- Invitation for 2 guests to attend An Evening With the Stars
- Recognition as a Spark Scholarship Sponsor at the event
- Name listed on event signage and in digital event promotional materials

Donations — Any Amount or In-Kind

Education is Freedom is grateful for all monetary or in-kind donations in support of EIF's programming. If you would like to make a contribution in an amount not listed above, please visit www.educationisfreedom.org or contact Corinne Fiagome directly.

Ready to Make a Difference?

Please complete the online [Scholarship Investment Form](#) by March 31, 2026. Digital logos and other promotional materials, if applicable, should be provided to EIF by April 6, 2026 for approval and inclusion in event signage.

For questions or to discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact:

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