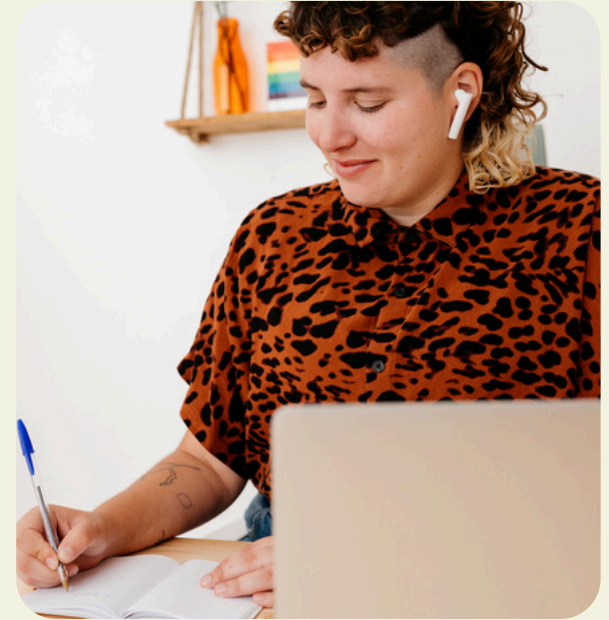


# Educational Support

## WHAT WE DO

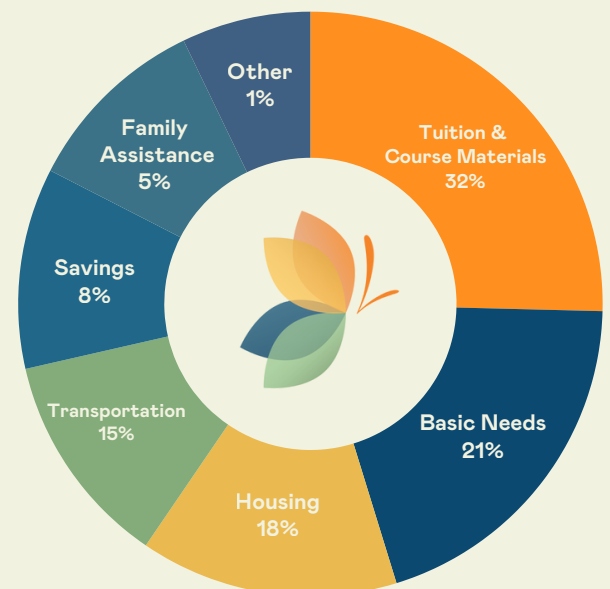
Thank you for your generous support of Orangewood Foundation. Your partnership helps empower young people to pursue their educational and career goals. Our **Education Program**, which includes **Scholarships** and **Advanced Studies**, provides the financial support, mentorship, and resources youth need to succeed. Through Scholarships, we help former foster and community youth enroll in and complete higher education or vocational programs, from trade certificates to bachelor's degrees. Advanced Studies extends this support to those pursuing master's and doctoral degrees, preparing them for long-term success and leadership in their fields.



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Educational Empowerment:** This past year, we awarded over \$700,000 in scholarships to young people pursuing their education, from trade certifications to doctoral studies.
- **Expanding Access:** Many young people face significant financial barriers to pursuing their education. While state programs like the California Foster Youth Tax Credit and Student Success Completion Grant can provide some support, not every former foster youth qualifies, and the aid rarely covers the full cost of tuition, housing, and daily living expenses. Without family safety nets to fall back on, many struggle to afford essentials like books, food, and transportation. Orangewood's Education Program and Advanced Studies scholarships bridge these gaps, helping students stay enrolled and focused on achieving their educational and career goals.
- **Scholarship Impact:** The pie chart shows how young people used their scholarship funds across various categories, including housing, transportation, school supplies, and tuition. Because each youth could use their award for more than one need, the chart reflects the distribution of all spending activity, not just one use per person.

## How did students use their scholarship dollars in the 2024-2025 school year?



# 2024-2025 IMPACT REPORT

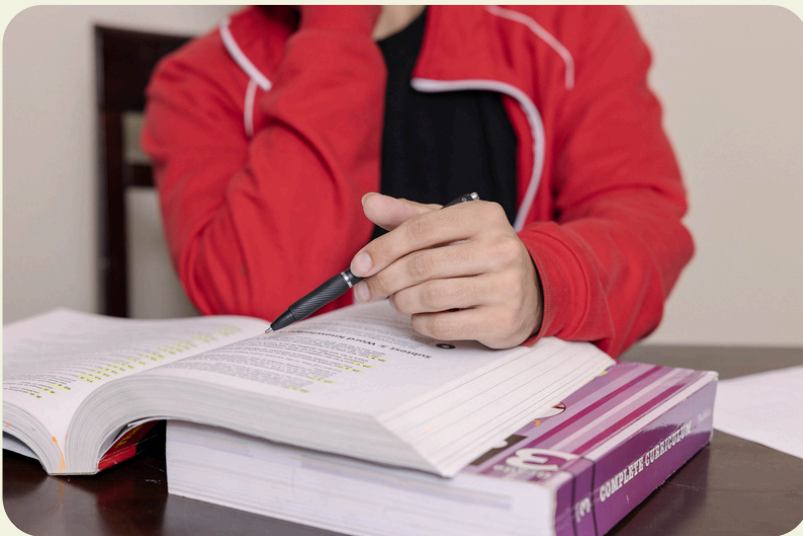
## CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

Students are facing more than academic hurdles. Inflation, housing shortages, and rising living costs have made it increasingly difficult for them to meet basic needs. Broader government challenges, including funding delays, immigration enforcement, and global economic shifts, also affect their stability and opportunities. Yet through it all, our students continue to persevere, working toward brighter futures with resilience and determination.

## WAYS TO SUPPORT

Your partnership helps ensure that students enroll in college, graduate, and thrive. You can make a lasting impact by **increasing your giving or committing to multi-year funding**, ensuring continued access to scholarships and critical resources such as housing, food, and transportation.

To learn more or make a contribution, visit [orangewoodfoundation.org/ways-to-give](https://orangewoodfoundation.org/ways-to-give).



### COMMUNITY COLLEGE & TRADE SCHOOL

**\$251,921** distributed to  
**167** students

### 4-YEAR UNIVERSITY

**\$342,090** awarded to  
**86** students

### ADVANCED GRADUATE EDUCATION

**\$117,000** awarded to 20  
graduate students

### STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE

**\$31,650** distributed to **228**  
students in foster care for  
extracurricular activities  
and basic needs.

### TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS AWARDED

Orangewood distributed a total of  
**\$711,011** in grant and scholarship  
support to **273** students



Thank you for your generosity. So many times, the housing, resources, and financial aid assistance has kept me from being hungry or becoming unhoused.

- Orangewood Program Participant