

Region 9 Head Start Association

2023 LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP



SCHOLARSHIP
& Award

Our Why...

Since the inception of Head Start in 1965, staff education and development has always been a cornerstone of what makes Head Start extraordinary. The promise of Head Start is remarkable in its comprehensive services and two generational approaches. To this day, Head Start continues to serve over 1 million children and families at risk of educational failure. Our goal at Region 9 Head Start Association is to build a scholarship fund for all who serve these families. Student debt incurred from Higher Education is real, and the support from the Region 9 Head Start Association makes an enormous difference.

Head Start By The Numbers

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| FY23 Funding | \$1.7 billion |
| Funded Seats Regionwide | 117,327 |
| Funded HS Seats | 73,468 |
| Funded EHS Seats | 30,777 |
| Funded American Indian/ Alaska Native HS Seats | 3,611 |
| Funded American Indian/ Alaska Native EHS Seats | 424 |
| Funded Migrant & Seasonal HS Seats | 9,047 |
| HS and EHS Centers Statewide | 2,301 |

**Information provided by NHSA 2023 Fact Sheets. Regionwide includes CA, AZ, NV, HI, and the O'P*

2023 Scholarship Winners

Baoying Abbey Zhu, Wu Yee Children's Services
Melena Alvarez, All Kids Academy
Tara Brauch, Pinal Gila Community Child Services, Inc.
Marine Bravo, Children's Institute
Carmen Castillo, Stanislaus County Office of Education
Margaret Choffat, Guam Department of Education
Juan Cisneros, Child Start, Inc.
Tracie Grant, EHS/HS of Northeastern Nevada
Gabriela Kelly, Long Beach Unified School District
Allysha Lloren, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands
Helena Martin, Parents and Children Together
Eva Morales, Child Development Resources
Rosa Nuno, Easterseals Southern California
Jazalynn Ramirez, Options for Learning
Adriana Ramirez, Kidango
Renee Rangel, Pacific Clinics
Tamara Rodriguez Torres, E Center
Sandra Rogel, Monterey County Office of Education
Andrea St. Amant, Shasta County Head Start
Jami Stephens, EHS Sunrise Children's Foundation
Missy Torres, San Joaquin County Office of Education
Latrice Walker, YMCA of East Bay
Tracee Ward-Clemmons, Greater Phoenix Urban League
Yaz'myn Woodard, Acelero Learning



Pictured George Fraser, Stacy Brown, Adriana Ramirez



Pictured Jami Stephens

Our Donors

Thanks to our many donors! R9HSA has had the great blessing of the engagement and counsel of Financial Advisor George Fraser and Mitch Haber in the development of this fund for the past 4 years. They work to encourage companies to donate to the scholarship fund and go further with financial literacy courses for staff and families such as OneAmerica's Know Yourself and Grow Your Wealth. Thanks to George, Mitch and so many others from the financial services industry, Region 9 Head Start Association has awarded close to \$250,000 dollars in the past 5 years to elevate the skills of our community.



Pictured George Fraser, Edward Condon, Mitchell Haber



Latrice Walker
2023 Winner
Parent Policy Council
Member at YMCA East Bay

In Latrice's words - "The Legacy Scholarship has been more than just financial assistance but a beacon of opportunity and a catalyst for positive change in my life. It has alleviated the stress of paying University fees, textbooks, and supplies, enabling me to focus on my academics. Furthermore, it has provided me with the means to explore additional learning opportunities such as attending conferences, workshops, and networking events. These experiences have exposed me to diverse perspectives and allowed me to network with professionals in my field of study.

Being a single mother of six, this scholarship has lightened my financial burden as we are living in an era of inflation. With the financial burden eased, it minimizes the need for me to work part-time to cover educational expenses which allows me to have a healthier balance between my studies and quality time with my children. As I continue my academic path, I am determined to make the most of my educational journey.

I am truly honored and appreciative of the Region 9 Head Start Association support in furthering my education. Receiving this scholarship means more to me than words can convey. Because of the scholarship, I am graduating this Spring with a Master's degree in Healthcare Administration from California State University of Eastbay."

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