

About Scholarships

When 49 lives were taken, 49 legacies began

Our mission is to provide academic opportunities—honoring the aspirations of all 49 Angels—to recipients who embody love, hope, unity, acceptance, courage and strength.

Working with the families and loved ones of those killed, onePULSE Foundation established the 49 Legacy Scholarships in 2019 based on the respective victims' interests, careers or aspirations. As an extension of their impact on our world, the scholarships inspire and empower students who share similar dreams, ambitions and goals.

The inaugural class of 49 Legacy Scholarship recipients were awarded \$330,000 in scholarships in 2019 and the second class was awarded \$236,300 last April. Recipients come from all over the United States and have a common thread of community service, leadership and advocacy.

The onePULSE Foundation awards 49 scholarships annually, each up to \$10,000 for use at an accredited institution of higher learning, including career and technical schools.

onePULSE considers many factors when assessing scholarship applicants, including the applicant's personal story, financial need or independence, strong academic or self-improvement interest, and proven track record of leadership, community involvement and/or work experience.

Preference will be given to applicants who are immediate family members of the 49 victims, as well as all of the survivors of the tragedy and first responders to the event. Family members, survivors and first responders are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application Schedule & Access

The scholarship application period for 2023 scholarships opened December 1, 2022 and will close January 31, 2023. The link to the application is available **here**.

Should you have any questions, please contact our Legacy Scholarship Program Director, Genelle Kelly at **gk@onepulsefoundation.org**.

Selection Process

A scholarship committee comprised of community members scores three phases of the review process using a rubric scoring tool and make final recipient selections. Applicants meeting the minimum scores at each phase are forwarded to the next phase and their names are not known to the committee until the final interview stage.

Scholarship Support

The Legacy Scholarships are funded in part by the generosity of major investors, including: AdventHealth, AlixPartners, the Brumback Family, Earl and Bettie Fields Automotive Group Foundation, Geico, GUCCI, L'Oréal USA, New York City Pride, Orlando Health, PVH Foundation, and Wendy Tramell. The program is further supported through partnerships with Advent Health University, the Foundation for Seminole State College of Florida and Valencia College Foundation.

The scholarship program is one of four pillars of the Foundation's mission to create and support a memorial that opens hearts, a museum that opens minds, education programs that open eyes and legacy scholarships that open doors.

People and organizations who would like to provide financial support can earmark donations for Legacy Scholarships through the onePULSE Foundation website at **onePULSEFoundation/donate**.

For more information about the onePULSE Legacy Scholarship Campaign, contact onePULSE Foundation at 407-775-4611, ext. 413 or **gk@onepulsefoundation.org**.