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## **REAGAN FOUNDATION & INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS REACH \$10 MILLION MARK**

*“Education is not simply another part of American society;  
it is the key that opens the golden door.” – Ronald Reagan*

Simi Valley, California – Since the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute (RRPFI) launched its college scholarship program 20 years ago, \$10 million in scholarship funds have been awarded to 532 students, with \$450,000 being awarded this year alone. Scholarship awardees represent more than 100 undergraduate campuses across 41 states. The scholarships largely stem from these Foundation programs:

- The GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program rewards college-bound students nationwide who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with up to \$40,000 each.
- The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation Scholars rewards Ventura County, California students who demonstrate exceptional leadership, character, communication skills, academic achievement, and commitment to the community with awards typically ranging from \$500 to \$8,000 each.
- The Ronald Reagan Great Communicator Debate Series rewards high school students nationwide who effectively use logic, evidence, and personality to communicate their ideas through a series of debate competitions, with awards ranging from \$25,000-\$50,000.
- The Reagan Institute in Washington, D.C. each year awards \$100,000-\$300,000 to college students who enroll in its accredited Leadership and the American Presidency course. Students interested in leadership development get an immersive look at lessons from the American presidency, where future leaders define and strengthen their leadership skills while they live, learn, and intern in the nation’s capital.

“Providing college scholarships to deserving students is one of the most rewarding parts of our jobs,” said John Heubusch, executive director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. “Knowing we’re helping to send civic-minded, hardworking and inspired youth to further their education is an honor and privilege that we take very seriously.”

The Reagan Foundation and Institute's education programs are focused on cultivating the next generation of citizen-leaders, the "informed patriots" President Reagan knew were vital to a healthy democracy. Scholarships are a robust way to invest in these future leaders, and the program serves as a key component of a pipeline for students who have engaged with the RRPFI's suite of education offerings, such as the Student Leadership Summer Camp program, the Foundation's internship programs, and the annual Reagan Leadership Medal.

"The ability to receive my education without financial burden allowed me to pursue more opportunities and experiences than I would have been able to otherwise," said Jody Pfeuffer, a 2015 recipient of the GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program from Christoval, Texas. "GE-Reagan has been incredibly influential in my life and I am forever grateful."

"I wanted to express my profound gratitude for everything the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute has done for me," said Gregory Levesque, a 2021 Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation Scholars Program recipient from Westlake Village, Calif. "I have learned so much and grown as a person because of the lessons and opportunities provided."

Applications for 2022 scholarship programs will begin opening this fall. After transitioning many events to virtual experiences due to the pandemic, the Reagan Foundation hopes to reinstate its in-person scholarship recognition events in 2022. In addition, the Foundation plans to expand its scholarship offerings this academic year with a new award honoring First Lady Nancy Reagan. High school students who want to learn more about the college scholarship opportunities granted by the Reagan Foundation and Institute should visit <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/>.

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is the nonprofit organization created by President Reagan himself and specifically charged by him with continuing his legacy and sharing his principles - individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy and national pride. The Foundation is a non-partisan organization which sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, CA, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, the Presidential Learning Center, The Air Force One Pavilion and the award-winning Discovery Center, as well as the Reagan Institute, which carries out the Foundation's work in Washington, D.C.

The Reagan Library houses over 60 million pages of Gubernatorial, Presidential and personal papers, over 1.6 million photographs, a half million feet of motion picture film, 25,000 audio recordings, 22,000 video recordings, and over 83,000 objects chronicling the lives of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It also serves as the final resting place of America's 40th President and his First Lady. [www.reaganfoundation.org](http://www.reaganfoundation.org)

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