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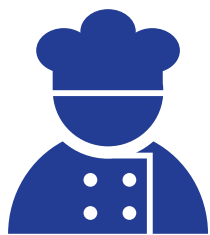
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WE HELP FIRST JOBS BECOME AMAZING CAREERS

In partnership with tourism employers and education officials, TSLF provides tourism job training, scholarships, mentoring, and internship placement assistance for underserved youth and adults interested in careers in travel and tourism and sports management. TSLF is focused on closing the opportunity gap that exists in Arlington's underserved communities and addressing the workforce needs of the travel and tourism and sports industries.



8 SCHOLARSHIPS

awarded to TCC Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts and UT Arlington Kinesiology Sports Leadership and Management Program students.

1000+ STUDENTS

impacted by TSLF programs and affiliated partnership programs that provide job training, career exploration programs, and mentoring programs.



2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

Lizbeth Aguilar, TCC

Destiny Calvillo, TCC

Jessica Hasty, TCC

Brenda Long, TCC

Natasha McLemore, TCC

Trevor Morgan, UT Arlington

Joselyn Torres, TCC

Toni Chiles*, TCC

(*Francis Kobty Hospitality Scholarship)

Learn more about our scholarship recipients by scanning the QR code.



MISSION

The Travel & Sports Legacy Foundation connects Arlington youth and adult students with great careers, tourism enterprises with amazingly talented people, and our entire community with a more sustainable economic future.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, 2024 has been a busy and productive year for the Travel and Sports Legacy Foundation (TSLF). This is my sixth year with TSLF, my first as President, and I am incredibly grateful to work alongside such a supportive Board of Directors. They are all dedicated to the mission of TSLF, volunteering their time to our community and our youth to ensure a more sustainable economic future. For that, I want to say thank you to our past and present Board of Directors.

TSLF's mission is to connect Arlington's youth and adult students with rewarding careers, support tourism enterprises in finding exceptional talent, and foster a more sustainable economic future for our entire community. We do this with our amazing group of volunteers and our gracious donors that support our work. This allows us to provide scholarships to students; CEU educational sessions for hospitality services and culinary arts secondary teachers; summer sports program held with our partners UT Arlington and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County; and our newly created Teach Tourism Grant!!

TSLF continues to collaborate with our community partners, Tarrant County College, Arlington ISD, University of Texas at Arlington, and Boys and Girls Clubs of Great Tarrant County. TSLF awarded over \$8,000 in scholarship funding to TCC Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts students and UT Arlington Kinesiology Sports Leadership and Management Program students. These students' lives are truly impacted by the TSLF Programs, and all scholarship recipients are offered the opportunity to receive mentoring from life coaches. Thank you to our community partners for assisting in providing resources and opportunities for our students to become productive, employed citizens in their own community where hospitality, sports and travel are transforming lives!

Now in our eighth year as a non-profit organization, TSLF continues to grow by expanding our programs, strengthening partnerships, and collaborating with teachers and industry leaders. We stay attuned to employer needs through surveys, partnerships, and internships. As we move forward, we look forward to building on existing relationships and fostering new ones.

As you see, there is so much to be thankful for in these past eight years. We look forward to your continued support and we know TSLF will continue to meet our mission and expand our impact in the community as well as our students...who are our future employees. I look back on 2024 with gratitude for the difference YOU are making and look forward to 2025 and beyond!!!!

Kecia Mays

President, TSLF Board of Directors

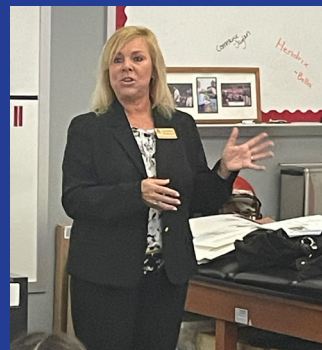
FISCAL YEAR 2024 HEADLINES

- TSLF awarded \$8,200 in scholarships to students enrolled in the TCC Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts Program and UT Arlington Kinesiology Sports Leadership and Management Programs. Eight scholarships were awarded. The Francis Kobty Hospitality Scholarship (\$960) was awarded to a TCC culinary arts student.
- TSLF guest speakers present at the Boys & Girls Clubs Workforce Wednesday sessions.
- TSLF hosts a Career Exploration Program for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County.
- TSLF releases its second Workforce Study in two years.
- Kristi Scales, Dallas Cowboys Sideline Reporter, delivers the keynote address at the TSLF 3rd Annual Meeting.
- Arlington tourism partners join TSLF's Travel & Sports Careers 180 Speakers Bureau to deliver presentations to students about careers in travel and tourism (over 500 students impacted).
- TSLF and UT Arlington host a four-day Summer Sports Program for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County.
- TSLF unveils the Teach Tourism Initiative to Arlington ISD Hospitality Services and Culinary Arts teachers.
- TSLF works with Arlington ISD administration officials to reinstate the 40 Futures Initiative Program for students.

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TSLF BY THE NUMBERS:

\$80K Donor Contributions

\$4,500 In-kind Donations

500+ Volunteer Hours

\$8K+ Awarded in scholarships to TCC and UT Arlington students during the 2023-24 school year.