Union High School
To be eligible for a scholarship after graduation, Challenge Scholars in high school are working on goals for grades and attendance.

This chart shows scholarship eligibility for Challenge Scholars during the 2017-2018 school year.

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A final determination of scholarship eligibility will be made in the student’s senior year.

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Harrison Park School and Westwood Middle School
In middle school, we’re looking at Challenge Scholars’ attendance. Getting in the habit of maintaining good attendance will help students meet scholarship eligibility requirements when they move up to Union High School.

Students with a 95% attendance rate (2017-18 school year)

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<td>Class of 2024 (6th Grade)</td>
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“Overall, Challenge Scholars students are more aware of their grades and attendance—in fact, most report checking them weekly.”

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—Les Brown
“Your biggest adventure can take is to live the life of your dreams.”
—Oprah Winfrey
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Dream: A Cherished Aspiration, Ambition, or Ideal; A Strongly Desired Goal or Purpose

A Dream You Don’t Dream Alone Is Only a Dream. A Dream You Dream Together Is Reality.”
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Dear friends,

This remarkable progress and momentum would not be possible without the support of Families are deeply engaged and celebrating the achievements of their students. Community partners are building bridges in every direction to support young people. School staff is embracing this opportunity. From the start of Challenge Scholars to today, so much has been accomplished. More than 95% of students have gone on to college. Now, we are in a new stage of the journey with hundreds more in the pipeline to follow them. We will continue to put children first. We will remain adaptive and will not shy away from being unsure of our direction, we’ve turned to those we’re serving, and we’ve listened. The journey along this path hasn’t always been a straight line from point A to B. When Challenge Scholars was created, we knew it needed to be a comprehensive program to support students throughout high school and one too. First up on his agenda? A debate club. Pablo said, “They treated me like an adult, which is important for their future. Believe continuing their education will mean a better life for them and their families.”

Introducing the Challenge Scholars Dream Fund

The Dream Fund is an exciting new element of Challenge Scholars. It offers financial support to individuals, groups and organizations to implement ideas and projects in the community that will accelerate student success.

GET TO KNOW A FEW OF OUR CO-CREATORS HERE.

Pablo Eliseo Villalvazo
Challenge Scholar, Union High School

Pablo was asked to share his voice as a student representative for the process that led to the Challenge Scholars Dream Fund. “Being part of the process provided an interesting window inside to see how a community member can actualize a dream. The process included gathering information, interviewing stakeholders, and presenting ideas. It was a rewarding experience that will help to build a Challenge Scholars community.”

Tennille Harkness
Harrison Park School Parent

When Tennille Harkness and her family moved to Grand Rapids a few years ago, she didn’t know about Challenge Scholars. Today, she feels blessed to be within walking distance to Harrison Park School where her daughters attend. “It was the process provided an interesting window inside to see how a community member can actualize a dream. The process included gathering information, interviewing stakeholders, and presenting ideas. It was a rewarding experience that will help to build a Challenge Scholars community.”

JEREMIAH WEISSMANN
City Feast Director, Crossroad Bible Church

The Dream Fund will provide a new funding stream that will help to bolster and sustain the Challenge Scholars Dream Fund process. “Being part of the process that led to the creation of the Challenge Scholars Dream Fund has been truly rewarding. I have had the opportunity to work with and see how others are living out their dreams.”

Dennis Braison
Principal, Westwood Middle School

I’m developing my own thoughts and opinions, and through a co-creation process, the Challenge Scholars Dream Fund was born. “I’m thrilled to see other people’s dreams come true.” Dennis brought his experience and perspective to the Dream Fund process. “As the leader of Westwood to the Challenge Scholars teachers to Challenge Scholars donors. If you’d like to include Challenge Scholars in your gift planning, please contact our development team at 616-444-3450 to discuss your gift.”

YOUR GIFT OF ANY SIZE WILL HELP MOVE CHALLENGE SCHOLARS ALONG THE PATH TO SUCCESS.

When a community unites, no dream is too big.

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