

THE MISSION

We invest in the promise of Colorado Latino students through scholarships, educational opportunities, and community partnerships so they can achieve their highest potential.

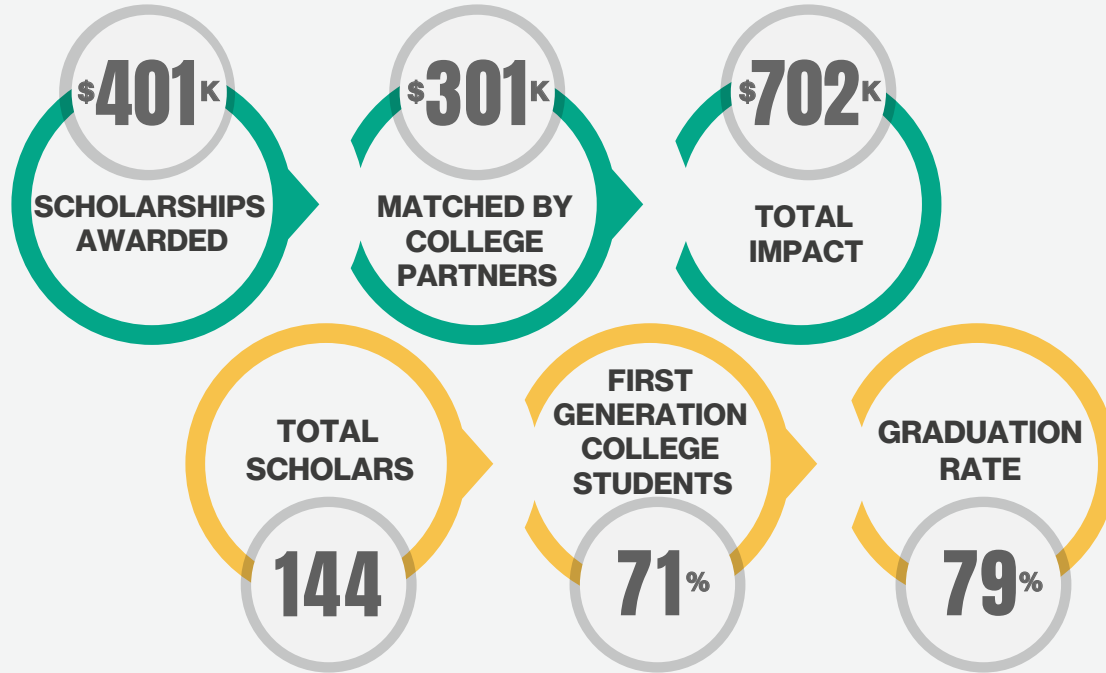
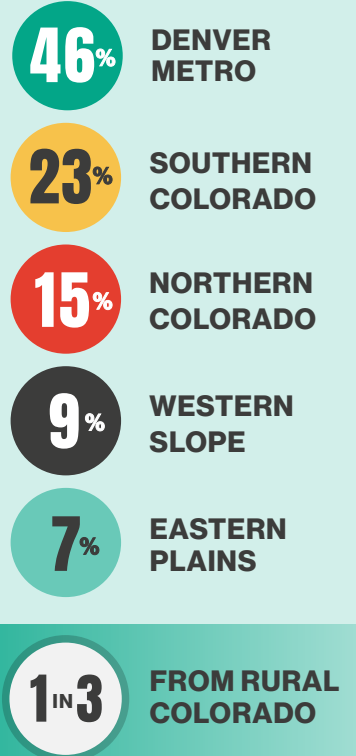
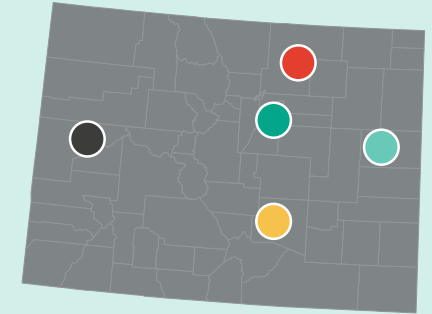
OUR VISION

To create more accessible and equitable educational pathways for the Latino community in the state of Colorado.

LAEF LEGACY

Over 76 years, we've served 8,000 scholars and awarded \$7.5 million in scholarships.

WHERE IN COLORADO OUR SCHOLARS ARE FROM



TOP REPRESENTED COLLEGES



¡GANAS! SCHOLAR HONOREE

Lizbeth Humildad Casillas is a senior at Colorado State University–Fort Collins, studying social work. After graduation, she plans to support the next generation as a school-based case manager—helping students navigate challenges and reach their full potential. As the first in her family to attend college, Lizbeth is already breaking barriers.

Recently, Lizbeth experienced a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity through Semester at Sea. She was able to travel the world, explore new cultures, and earn credits toward her degree. LAEF has supported her every step of the way, providing scholarships and helping make this dream possible, including airfare through our airline partners.

What once felt out of reach is now within grasp. With support from LAEF and our community, Lizbeth—along with more than 140 scholars in 2025—is pursuing her education and building a future filled with possibility. Her journey is just beginning, and we can't wait to see the impact she will make.

A TRANSFORMATIONAL GIFT TO DRIVE GENERATIONAL CHANGE

2025 marked a historic \$1 million investment from the Reisher family—an extraordinary commitment to expanding opportunity and accelerating student success across Colorado.

This partnership brings together the legacy of the Reisher Scholars Program with the growing impact of LAEF, creating new pathways for students to not only access higher education, but to persist, graduate, and lead. Together, we are strengthening the systems of support that students need to thrive.

The Reisher family's investment will expand scholarships, deepen mentoring, and enhance wraparound support for LAEF scholars. More than a gift, it is a shared vision for what's possible.

It is a promise—that Colorado's students, especially those whose voices have too often gone unheard, will graduate stronger, lead with purpose, and create lasting change for generations to come.