

The CSF NH Impact Report



Children's Scholarship Fund
New Hampshire

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If the first quarter of 2026 proves anything, it's this: The momentum that education freedom friends like yourself started over a decade ago is only just getting started! On the heels of celebrating National School Choice week in January, CSF New Hampshire was cited by EdChoice for the **third year in a row** for the *Most Effective Implementation* of an education savings account program! We were also honored by EdChoice in the *Most Inspiring*, *Most Improved*, and *Best Universal Options* categories. And a big shout out to Governor Kelly Ayotte for announcing that New Hampshire will opt in to the new Federal Education Tax Credit program for Scholarship Granting Organizations, beginning in January 2027. Stay tuned... We're only getting started, thanks to you!



Congratulations to the Class of 2026! And to CSF Donors for Making it Possible



This spring, we are proud to celebrate the Class of 2026 CSF Scholars, students who CSF donors supported in their educational journeys! Each graduate represents far more than a diploma. They reflect years of perseverance, family commitment, and meaningful opportunity made possible through your generosity. Because of your support, families were able to choose learning environments that truly met their children's needs, and today those students are stepping confidently into their next chapter.

As these graduates move forward into college, careers, military service, apprenticeships, and leadership within their communities, we are staying connected with them through the Freedom Alumni Network, or FAN. The Freedom Alumni Network is designed to strengthen long-term outcomes by connecting CSF graduates with one another, with mentors, and with the broader CSF community. FAN fosters peer mentorship, highlights real-world success stories, and creates opportunities for alumni to encourage current students and families navigating similar decisions. Most importantly, it ensures that the relationships built through scholarship support continue well beyond high school.

We also see FAN as an opportunity to deepen the connection between graduates and the broader CSF community. In the coming year, we plan to build a simple alumni job and internship board, create pathways for professional mentoring, and connect graduates with supporters who are willing to share advice, experience, or career opportunities. If you would be interested in mentoring a graduate, offering an internship, sharing career advice, or participating in future alumni events, please reach out to Kelly Belmonte, Director of Donor Engagement, at kbelmonte@scholarshipfund.org.

Your investment does not end at graduation. It continues to grow in college classrooms, in workplaces, and in communities across New Hampshire.

CSF Mom Maps Path of Opportunity for Her Children

As a single mother raising two children on her own, Stacey Remillard initially enrolled her children in New Hampshire public schools. As their personalities and academic needs became clearer, so did her understanding of how they learned best and where they would feel most supported. They found that support at Saint Elizabeth Seton in Rochester, later transitioning to Saint Mary Academy in Dover after SES closed. Now both children attend Saint Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover.

Through every transition, CSF scholarships and Education Freedom Accounts have combined to provide much-needed continuity, allowing Stacey to focus on her children's long-term growth instead of short-term obstacles. That growth extends far beyond the children's report cards. Stacey's daughter earned her first varsity letter in soccer during her freshman year and helped lead her team to the NHIAA semifinals. Recently, she chose to read a biography of Olympic athlete and war hero Louis Zamperini, drawn to his perseverance and resilience. As an Olympic hopeful who dreams of playing professional women's soccer, she sees stories like his not only as inspiration but as a roadmap.

For the Remillard family, the impact of CSF donor generosity is neither abstract nor theoretical. It appears in every report card brought home with pride and every game played under Friday night lights. It lives in two Seacoast teenagers who are working hard, aiming high, and building lives shaped not by limitation, but by opportunity.

CSF Donors: "Why I Give"

We are so thankful for each and every one of the CSF NH donors who empower families like the Remillards to make the best educational choices for their children, no matter their income or zip code. Every donor has a unique story of connection, inspiration, and motivation. We are honored to share two such stories.



Jonathan Cardinal: Investing in Families

Jonathan Cardinal, co-owner of Andrew J. Foss Inc. and a long-time contributor to CSF through the New Hampshire Education Tax Credit Program, believes in educational choice because he has lived it. Having grown up attending both private school and homeschool programs, Jonathan understands firsthand that learning does not follow a single path. That perspective deepened as he and his wife navigated similar decisions for their own children, who attended private school before transitioning to homeschooling in 2015. Today, their family participates in Classical Conversations, continuing a journey shaped by flexibility, faith, and thoughtful engagement.

For Jonathan, the most important part of any learning environment is simple: children need to feel safe, supported, and free to be themselves. That belief is what drew him to CSF early on.

He appreciated that CSF scholarships could support a wide range of educational approaches, from faith-based schools to homeschooling and other personalized learning options, without forcing families into a rigid model.

"Kids learn differently," Jonathan explains. "Some are visual learners. Some need hands-on experiences. Others do best with repetition or discussion. As parents, you're in the best position to recognize that and help create an environment that supports how your child learns."

What has kept Jonathan committed to CSF over the years is seeing real impact. He has watched families he knows personally benefit from scholarships and has appreciated CSF's ongoing communication about program updates and student stories. As a business owner, being able to direct a portion of his company's state tax dollars toward a cause he genuinely believes in simply makes sense. When asked why he continues to support CSF, Jonathan puts it simply: "Children need an education that suits them and protects them, regardless of their family's financial situation."

Travis Grieb: Supporting Families Through Thoughtful Choice



When Travis Grieb, Founder and Managing Partner of Centeras Private Wealth, was first introduced to the NH Education Tax Credit program, he and his wife Laura had already mapped out their giving for the year, and the tax credit made sense financially. What began as a sound decision on paper, however, quickly became something far more personal.

As parents of three children, Travis and Laura have experienced firsthand how different environments can shape a child's growth. Their two older children recently transitioned to Sacred Heart in Hampton, and Travis has already seen a positive change.

"The increased workload has been really good for Kennedy and TJ," he says. "We have seen benefits from both public and private schools, and that experience has reinforced for us that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to education."

What resonates most with Travis about CSF is its focus on students and families rather than systems. He believes educational freedom means allowing parents and guardians to make thoughtful decisions based on their child's unique needs, strengths, and circumstances, not politics or outside expectations. At the heart of Travis's support is gratitude. When asked why he gives, his answer is straightforward. "I give because we have been blessed, and I want to be a responsible steward of the resources we have."

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CSF New Hampshire Education Freedom Ambassadors Lean Into Learning

Training for CSF Education Freedom Ambassador Cohort 3 is well underway, and it has been encouraging to see this group come together over the past several months. Since the fall, parents from across the Granite State have participated in sessions on EFA and ETC fundamentals, public relations, storytelling, and advocacy, each bringing their own perspective and lived experience to the table. These sessions help parents feel prepared and confident when speaking about their children's education and the opportunities education freedom provides.

Coming up next...

May 31, 2026 – Program year deadline for Education Tax Credit Application (ED-02)

June 30, 2026 – Deadline for ETC contributions impacting 2026-2027 scholarships

June – CSF's first annual Mini Golf Tournament coming in June (details to follow)

September 24, 2026 – CSF NH Donor Appreciation Reception. *Save the date!*



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Give the Gift of Education Freedom and Take the Credit

New Hampshire's Education Tax Credit Program at a Glance

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Businesses donating to CSF to fund scholarships for low-income K-12 children in NH can receive an 85% tax credit from the State against their business profits tax and business enterprise tax.

Be a change-maker like Jonathan - give a gift that can change a child's life, and then take the tax credit. Win win!

Contact Kelly Belmonte at kbelmonte@scholarshipfund.org to find out more about the Education Tax Credit Program.
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