

MAISIN FOUNDATION

The Maisin Scholar Award is funded by the Alexander M. and June L. Maisin Foundation. Alexander Maisin was of Russian Jewish descent and grew up in Harbin, China, where his family had moved to escape discrimination and violence. He fled China before the beginning of World War II and moved to San Francisco, where he arrived as a new immigrant without any money. He worked as a longshoreman, loading and unloading ships in the San Francisco harbor. He invested his savings into a house, and then into another building, until he eventually owned commercial and residential properties throughout San Francisco.

When Mr. Maisin died in 1995, he left a significant portion of his estate to establish the Alexander M. and June L. Maisin Foundation, which supports needs in the community and makes a difference in the lives of the people in the San Francisco Bay Area. In 2015 the Maisin Scholar Award joined the San Francisco Education Fund, a nonprofit dedicated to improving student success in the San Francisco Unified School District.



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The San Francisco Education Fund harnesses the power of the community to equip every public school student with the skills to succeed in college, career and civic responsibility. We analyze data to target resources where they are needed most, engage volunteers in classrooms, provide grants to educators and award scholarships to students, to build a bright future for our city and its young people.

The Maisin Scholar Award is a program of the San Francisco Education Fund. The goal of the program is to close the opportunity gap for San Francisco inner-city youth who have overcome significant challenges and are in pursuit of higher education.

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RENEWABLE SCHOLARSHIPS AND SUPPORT FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS



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MAISIN OVERVIEW

The Maisin Scholar Award gives promising high school seniors from across the San Francisco public schools as much as \$3,000 annually, for up to four years. This scholarship helps students to continue their education, whether at a four-year institution, community college, or vocational training institute.

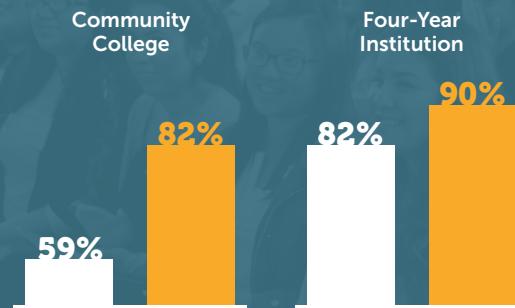
We believe every student has the ability to succeed, and we look beyond just grades to see each student's unique and inspiring story. Students who may not be eligible for other scholarships because of their immigration status or GPA are encouraged to apply for the scholarship.

Once a part of our program, Maisin Scholars receive much more than the financial assistance. In addition to academic, financial and career advising, we also provide our students with professional development opportunities so that they are better positioned to succeed in their college and career endeavors.

Every year, 75 high school seniors receive the Maisin Scholar Award.

OUR IMPACT

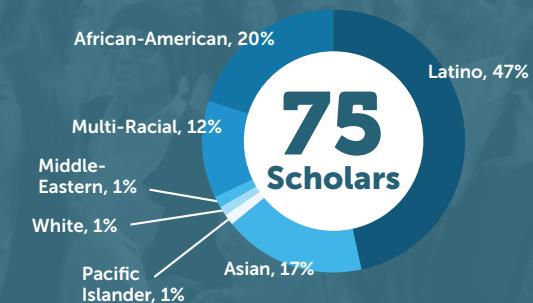
Scholar Achievement



From 2010–2014, the average first-year persistence rate of Maisin Scholars from four-year as well as community colleges have met or exceed the national average.

Furthermore, Maisin Scholars are **over 3 times more likely to obtain their Bachelor's degree within 6 years** than the national average for students from low-income families.

Our Class of 2016



95%
are first-generation
college students

100%
come from families
with low income

22
high schools
represented

Who is eligible?

- You must be an SFUSD high school senior with a 2.0-3.5 unweighted GPA
- You will attend college or an educational program in the Fall of your high school graduation year
- You are committed to your educational goals beyond high school

How do I apply?

To apply for the Maisin Scholar Award, you must submit an online application consisting of the following by the application deadline:

- Completed electronic application
- Personal essay and answers to short-response questions
- Two letters of recommendation
- High school transcript