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Understanding the Gap – and How You Can Help

Dear Rankin Foundation Friends,

Thank You for supporting 260 Rankin Scholars for the 2025–2026 school year. Your investment in Rankin Scholars is transforming the futures of 260 incredible women. As a new Rankin Scholar or returning Scholar continuing with their education, each of them is on a path toward a brighter future, and we're honored that you are part of their journey.

Becoming a Rankin Scholar is a rigorous process. Thank You to our dedicated Volunteer Application Readers! Your work through three rounds of evaluation — often with nearly 45 different sets of eyes reviewing those who reach the final round — gave us the class of 2025–2026. This year, we received 525 applications from women across the country. We are able to provide 119 new Scholar Grants this year — awarding 22% of applicants. While we are thrilled to award new and continuing Scholar Grants to 260 women, our goal is to provide the grant to all who qualified.

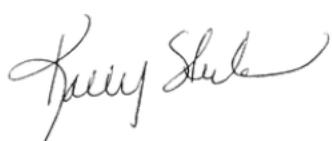
Across the country, there are over 1 million potential candidates for a Rankin Scholar Grant. We know first-hand there's a need as the only national program offering unrestricted grants to women 35 and older (25+ in Georgia and Montana) who on limited means are working toward their first associate or bachelor's degree.

Your investment brings us closer to ensuring that we can support all who qualify. You make it possible to turn dreams deferred into dreams fulfilled.

Will you help us close the gap?

Your gift will transform futures through education.

Thank You for being part of our movement for education, equity and opportunity!



Karen Sterk, CEO

Welcome NEW SCHOLARS!

ADELAIDE M.	ALEXYS P.
ADELINE L.	ALICE B.
ADRIANA H.	ALICIA C.
AHJAHNI M.	AMANDA B.
AIMEE B.	AMANDA R.
AIMEE T.	AMANDA W.
ALANA G.	AMANDA N. R.
ALEXIS G.	AMANDA JO S.

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We recently welcomed a vibrant new class of Rankin Scholars, who are pursuing their education later in life with courage and conviction. LaTrena Artist, Scholar Grant Program Director, and the Scholar Support Team led this year's orientation sessions. The sessions were filled with joy, gratitude and even a few unexpected tears! New and returning

Scholars spoke powerfully about what it means to be seen and supported. Rankin Scholar Christy said, "It makes me so emotional that folks are out there thinking about how hard the education journey can be."

[To view the full list of Scholars, click here.](#)

Jean: The Heart and Brain Behind the Numbers



I believe education, especially higher education, should be a right, not a privilege. I support the Rankin Foundation for helping women fulfill their desires for education.

Jean Rankin

Jean brings a rare mix of heart and precision to everything she does. A results-oriented problem solver with a sharp eye for detail, she's the kind of volunteer who sees what needs to be done and gets it done – with care. She joined our volunteer team to help us transition to a new donation management system, and we couldn't have done it without her.

STAR Party Is Coming!

Mark your calendars for the 11th Annual STAR Party hosted by the Jeannette Rankin Foundation. Our annual celebration of courage, Rankin community and collective impact is designed as an engaging hybrid experience with both in-person and virtual participation.

 **October 16, 2025**

In Person: 7:00pm – 9:00pm (EST)

Virtually: 8:00pm – 9:00pm (EST)

📍 Locations

In-person gatherings will take place in Atlanta, GA; Athens, GA; Missoula, MT. You can also join virtually from anywhere in the U.S. or abroad.



If you'd like to help or get involved locally in Missoula, Athens, Atlanta, or Ohio, contact Karen Sterk at Karen@rankinfoundation.org or call 706-540-9154.

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