

SPRING 2016 TEXTBOOK SCHOLARSHIP REPORT



Sun Gate
Foundation

Spring 2016
Textbook Scholarship

Brought to you by Sun Gate Foundation's 5 for Five Campaign



Deadline
December 1, 2015

To inquire & apply

Eligibility

Email:
Scholarships@sun-gate.org

Must be a survivor of human trafficking
enrolled in a two or four year
college/university.

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ABOUT THE SPRING 2016 TEXTBOOK SCHOLARSHIP

The spring 2016 Textbook Scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance for textbooks to survivors of human trafficking enrolled in an educational program during the spring 2016 semester.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Sun Gate listed the scholarship opportunity on our website and social media platforms. In addition, over 234 organizations in the United States that provide direct services to survivor were contacted. Information about the scholarship was also provided to the National Survivor Network. Survivors of all forms of human trafficking were encouraged to apply by December 15, 2015.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- ✓ Completed Sun Gate Application
- ✓ Essay not to exceed 500 words that outlines:
 - Trafficking experience
 - Importance of education to you
 - Describes your financial need
- ✓ Two letters of recommendations: one from the participating organization's case manager and one from another official within that program on letter head
- ✓ Transcript – if not applicable, a letter explaining why a transcript is not applicable.
- ✓ Acceptance letter into college/university, vocational program, high school, etc.

Upon submitting a complete application, the board of directors reviewed all applications and determined recipients based on need and year in school.

INQUIRIES VS. ACTUAL APPLICANTS

- 18 survivors inquired about our spring 2016 textbook scholarship
- 17 US survivors
- 1 International – (Karpagan College of Engineering in Myleripalaym Village, Othakalmandapam Post)
- 17 survivors from many states. We could only name states for survivors who actual applied
- 9 survivors actually applied
- 8 were awarded the spring 2016 textbook scholarship

- The 1 survivor who applied was awarded but did not accept the scholarship as she already purchased her textbooks for the semester.

DATA BASED ON AWARD RECIPIENTS:

States Represented by Recipients			
New York 4	Oregon 2	Massachusetts 1	California 1

Types of Trafficking

Sex Trafficking = 8

Labor Trafficking = 0

Gender

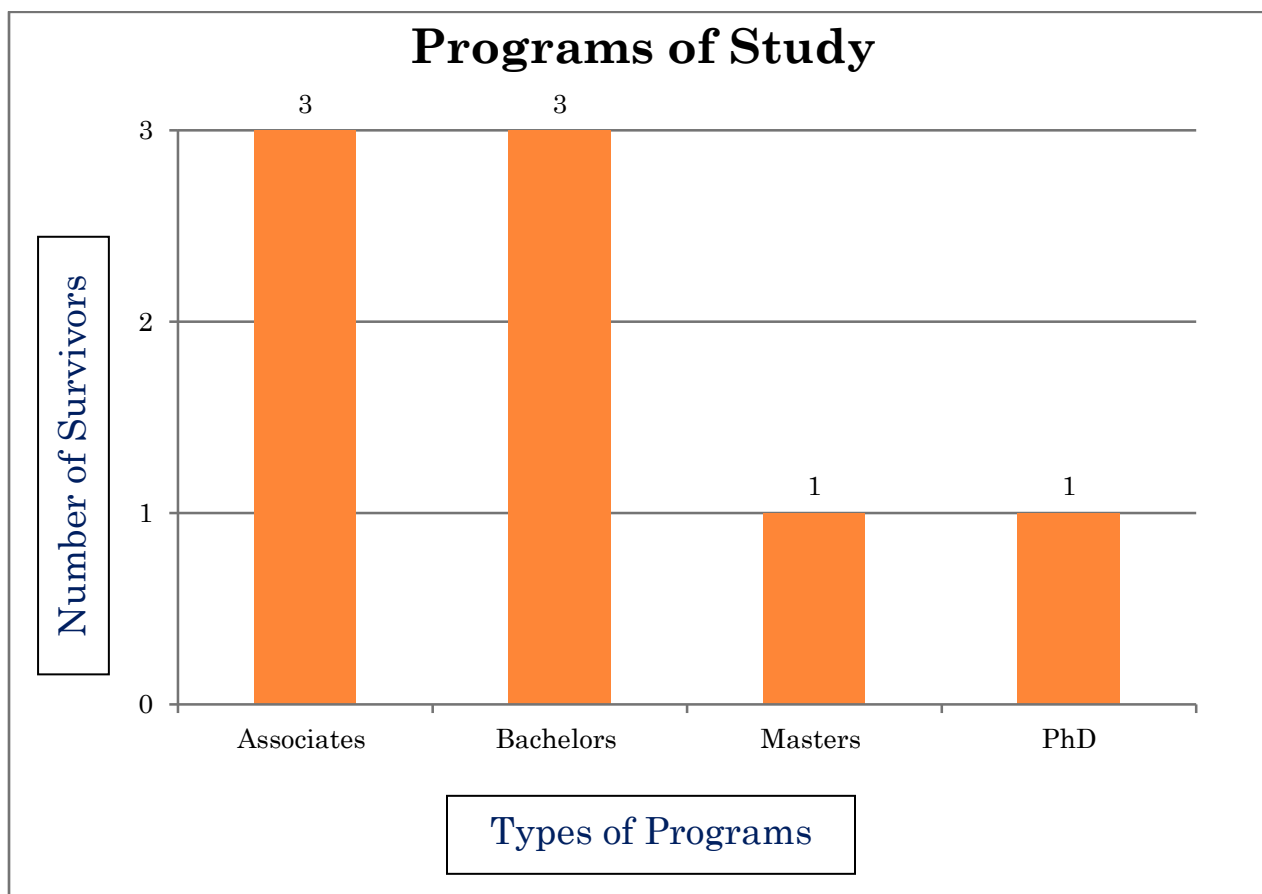
Females = 8

Males = 0

Service Providers

- Girls Education & Mentoring Services (GEMS) = 4
- Victory Outreach = 1
- Lifeworks Northwest New Options for Women = 1
- Monarch Services = 1
- No Service Provider = 1

Age Range of Survivors
19 - 45

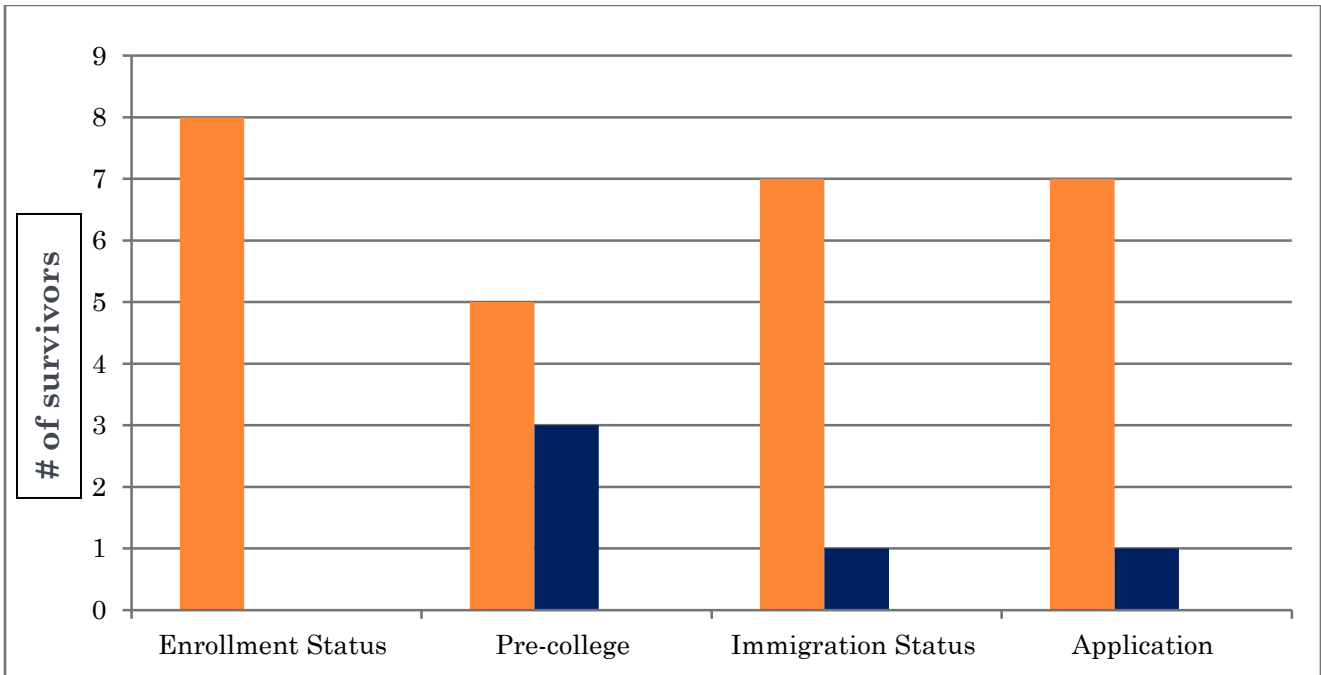


Majors

- Language Studies
- Medical Assistant
- Public Administration
- Sociology
- Liberal Arts
- Social Work
- Ministerial Practice
- Criminal Justice

Grade Point Average					
GPA	3.0 – 3.2	3.3 - 3.5	3.6 – 3.8	3.9 - 4.0	N/A
# of survivors	2	1	2	2	1

Year in College					
Year	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Grad
# of survivors	2	3	1	0	2



■ Full Time/High School Diploma/U.S. Citizen/First-time Applicants
■ Part Time/GED/Permanent Resident/Recurring Applicant

Textbooks:

- Lowest cost per survivor - \$169
- Highest cost per survivor - \$663.80
- Average cost per survivor - \$436.88
 - Lowest cost of textbook - \$7.50
 - Highest cost of textbook - \$290.02

Number of Books Per Survivor:

- Lowest number of books - 2
- Highest number of books - 16

**Total spent on textbooks for
the 2016 spring Textbook
Scholarship \$3,495.01**

“Although my journey has not been an easy one, this has helped me not only financially, but it has also helped me realize that there are still good people in this world who truly care about the well-being of others. It also helped me realize that my past should not determine my future and that I really have a chance to make something of myself. As I stated in my previous letter my circumstances have had a tremendous impact on my outlook of life and how I interact and trust people. This scholarship has also helped me start to trust people more. As well as not lose hope.”

B.A. spring 2016 Textbook Scholarship recipient.