

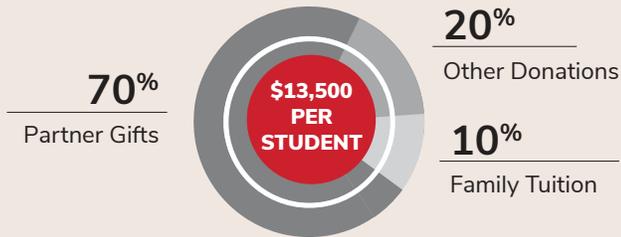


## Hope Academy Partner Program

At Hope Academy, no student is turned away for lack of funds. Our Partners make this possible.



### Our Funding Model



### 490 Partners

**\$12,000 = Sponsorship + Cherish**  
**\$8,500 = Full sponsorship**  
**\$4,250 = Half sponsorship**

See [hopeschool.org/giving](https://hopeschool.org/giving) to donate online or for other ways to give.

## How It Works



### Give

Partners provide 70% of the cost of education for one or more students.



### Match

Partners are then "matched" with students, and invited to meet face-to-face.



### Engage

Partners are invited to two Partner Day events annually to interact with students and hear inspiring stories.



### Impact

Partners receive handwritten student thank yous, HopeBriefs emails, and other insider updates communicating impact.



### Share

Partners multiply their joy by sharing Hope with friends at tours or our annual Evening of Hope gala.

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# Frequently Asked Questions

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## What is a Partner?

At Hope Academy, Partners are donors who financially sponsor one or more students to attend Hope Academy.

## What does my Partner gift cover?

Partner gifts offset about 70% of the cost for one student to attend Hope Academy.

## Who provides the rest?

Primarily Cherish givers and Boaz givers. Cherish givers are Partners who make an additional gift to cover 90% of the cost per student(s) they sponsor. Boaz givers make generous gifts of \$25,000, \$50,000 or more to bridge the financial gap to Hope for even more students. All parents have “skin in the game,” and together contribute 10%.

## What is a Half Partner?

Half Partners cover 50% of a financial sponsorship for a student. Together, two Half Partners (who may or may not know each other) are matched with the same student. If one decides to become a Full Partner, we'll re-match the other with a different student needing a Half Partner.

## Is there a best time to give?

Each year, we aim to start the school year in a strong financial position. We ask Partners to give before the school year if possible, but we'll gladly accept gifts at any time!

## Is my gift tax-deductible?

Yes! Hope Academy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. All gifts are tax-deductible.

## Can I give my student a gift?

We typically discourage personal gift-giving, but you're welcome to write a note to your student, or arrange a time to bring treats for his or her class.

## Will I receive anything from the student I sponsor?

Each fall, you'll receive a prayer card with your

students' picture, a personal note from your student, and a comment from their teacher. You'll also receive a hand-written thank you from your student at the end of the school year.

## Besides giving, are there outside requirements for Partners?

No. We invite Partners to meet the student they sponsor, attend two Partner Day events each school year, and share the joy of Hope with their friends.

## Do Partners mentor students?

No. We have separate volunteer and mentor programs you can join, if interested.

## Can I visit my student?

We invite Partners to visit the student(s) they sponsor at two Partner Day events each school year, typically late-September and mid-May. If you're unable to attend, please contact us to arrange another time!

## Can I take my student to a sports game, show, etc.?

We're happy to arrange visits at Hope but are unable to coordinate off-site visits for Partners and students for liability purposes.

## Do Partners interact with families?

Families are deeply grateful for the financial support they receive but typically aren't able to meet their child's Partner.

## Where do students come from?

Hope Academy primarily serves families in North and South Minneapolis, with free busing to anywhere in Minneapolis. Students often hear about Hope through family, friends, coaches, pastors, and mentors.

## What if my student leaves?

Hope Academy serves a transient, low-income population. We work hard to build strong relationships with families, and have high student retention compared to local schools. Should a student leave, we match Partners with another student in need of a sponsor.

**“You are not just helping kids go to school. You are changing destinies, and my son is the proof.”**

Maria, Hope Academy Parent

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