

The Sailfish Point Foundation believes in the changing power of academic study and vocational training.

WE PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO:

Our employees and dependents, Martin County High School Seniors and Special programs committed to children and teens.

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Sailfish Point foundation CELEBRATES 20 YEARS



be Sailfish Point Foundation recently celebrated their 20th anhiversary. In 1999 their mission was to provide scholarships for Sailfish Point employees and their dependents.

Over the years, their mission has expanded to include scholarships for graduating seniors from four Martin County high schools; they provide funds for academic degrees as well as vocational training.

In addition, they fund select programs that benefit children and teens.

In just two decades, they have become the largest provider of scholarships in Martin County, having awarded nearly \$6 million to students and nonprofits in the community.

Last year, they made significant changes to their scholarship offerings. They have always offered multi-year scholarships to employees and dependents and in 2019 decided to offer multi-year scholarships to Martin County high school seniors as well.

In order to manage this process, they forged a partnership with the Community Foundation of Martin -St. Lucie. The Foundation has helped them to grow their scholarship programs, streamline their systems and increase their impact. The process is very metric driven and includes interviews with students to choose those receiving scholarships.

Grants are also provided to respected local nonprofits with strong records of success and focus on programs committed to children and teens. Nonprofits that receive support include: Boys and Girls Club of Martin County, Project Lift, Hope Rural School, Take Stock in Children, US Sailing Center for their Special Needs Program, and Cleveland Clinic Martin Health Nursing Program.

From 2019 to March 2020, the Foundation has funded 46 scholarships to employees and dependents and 30 Martin County high school scholarships.

Each scholarships is for \$3,500 annually and guaranteed for two years. It is renewable for an additional two years if students meet eligibility requirements.

Funds are raised through personal donations of Sailfish Point members. An annual gala, silent auction and in 2020, an art auction, augment the private donations. They do not receive or solicit outside funds.

Scholarship awards for 32 students will be announced at April scholarship events at the high schools.



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