

# 2023 Impact Report



## By the Numbers

**\$198,000**

in **scholarships** granted to future educators since 2019.

**100%**

increase in **Teacher Scholarship** recipients for 2023.

**159,000**

**potential students** inspired by the 47 current Teacher Scholars and 6 program graduates across the course of their teaching careers.

**24**

**Postsecondary Student Ambassadors** enrolled.

**\$8,400**

in classroom **microgrants** in the first of three proposed funding cycles.

**\$5,000**

of **classroom supplies** provided from teachers' Amazon wish lists in #ClearTheLists campaign.

**33%**

more ACTFL and LCF **Professional Awardees** (20) recognized for outstanding contributions to language education over the previous year.

**134,711**

**impressions** across @LangConnectsFdn social media platforms with a 5.2% engagement rate.

**\$21,000**

in **Convention stipends** provided to support educators' ability to attend the annual conference.

**“**Inviting people to the table is merely a soundbite until there are clear pathways for individuals to join and share ideas. I give to the Language Connects Foundation to help provide professional development opportunities for underrepresented educators, and to make the table more welcoming for all.”

- Beckie Bray Rankin

## Share LCF with Others

LCF's two introductory videos will help to introduce audiences both inside and beyond the field of language education to our mission and ways that their gifts contribute to our work.



[Introduction for Educators](#)

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# Scholar Voices

LCF's Teacher Scholarship Program provides merit-based funding of up to \$6,000 (and complimentary ACTFL membership during and for one year following completion of the program) to high school seniors who aspire to teach languages other than English.



## LCF Celebrates First Teacher Scholars Entering the Classroom



In 2023, the first six graduates—members of the inaugural cohort who entered the program in 2019—completed their undergraduate journeys and have begun to enter the profession as educators. One Scholar has shared his reflection on the impact of this program:

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*This scholarship program has been one of the most amazing things that I have encountered in my life. Not only has it helped me a lot financially, but it introduced me to the community I had been looking for. It showed me that there are more people like me out there passionate about teaching languages. It motivated me to keep with my major and become a language teacher.”*

- Juan Martín, Future French & Russian Educator



### Teacher Scholarship Program Class of 2027



## Milestones & Achievements

**November 2022**

LCF launched at the 2022 ACTFL Convention.  
Mission: To elevate the language education profession and promote the transformative power of language learning.

**Spring-Summer 2023**

LCF grows its community by hosting 6 monthly virtual focus groups, presenting 8 conference sessions, and running the #LanguageDream public education campaign.

**November 2023**

Two new LCF awards categories are bestowed at the 2023 ACTFL Annual Convention & World Languages Expo.

**July 2023**

The LCF website wins a Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) AM&P Network EXCEL Award in the Digital Media category.

**September 2023**

LCF launches the Student Ambassadors Program and LCF/Vista Classroom Microgrants Program.

**August 2023**

The incoming cohort of LCF's Teacher Scholarship Program doubles in size, welcoming 20 future teachers.

# Your Support Makes Our Vision a Reality

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*I give to the Language Connects Foundation to help empower the educators and students of today and of the future. Throughout my career I've witnessed the transformative power of language learning to connect people, communities, and cultures. LCF initiatives celebrate language as a superpower, the key to cultural competence and global citizenship. My gift is a small way to pay it forward.”*

- Brandon Locke

## Greater Support for Language Educators

The incoming cohort of our Lead with Languages Teacher Scholarship Program grew by 100% in 2023, welcoming 20 new Scholars from 14 home states and aspiring to teach seven languages other than English. The First Annual Scholars Night, held in October 2023, virtually convened participants with LCF staff and a panel of four recent ACTFL National Teacher of the Year finalists/recipients for an evening of inspiration and insights into passionate careers in language education.

With sponsor and volunteer support—including collaboration with the ACTFL DEI Committee—we announced two new categories for recognition: ACTFL/LCF Award for Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Classroom and the LCF/Klett Award for Sustainable Development Education in the World Language Classroom. Overall, we were pleased to honor 33% more recipients via the annual ACTFL & LCF Awards Program over the previous year.

## Broader Access to Language Learning

Introduced to help meet the classroom needs of K-12 language educators, the LCF/Vista Classroom Microgrants initiative garnered more than 400 applications during its initial grant cycle. The first grantees to receive \$300 were announced with partner Vista Higher Learning at the 2023 ACTFL Convention. This group of grantees teach eight languages—including ESOL, Chinese, French, Lakota & Dakota, Latin, Portuguese, and Spanish.



## Deeper Connections Across Communities and Cultures

The new Student Ambassadors Program convenes a dynamic international network of student language-learner leaders at the postsecondary level to help spread the LCF's mission, provide valuable perspectives, and inspire other young people to celebrate their language accomplishments and dreams.

To further motivate and engage our communities, the LCF Blog regularly features the stories of multilingual professionals across sectors, educators, and students for whom language learning has made a significant impact. This year, profiles have explored the value of languages in localization, project management, supply chain management, education, and financial services.

**LCF thanks early sponsors of LCF initiatives for their support of our shared vision.**





# Volunteer Leadership

The LCF [Board of Directors](#) and [Advisory Council](#) help share our story and open doors to prospective Foundation funders and partners. We appreciate the breadth of experience and expertise these individuals contribute to our collected efforts, while we continue to focus on recruiting new members of both groups who are representative of the diverse populations served by both ACTFL and LCF.

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