



*Grants for college students
in health crisis*

May 1, 2017

Welcome to [The Orion Fund Golf Tournament 2017!](#) Your participation is greatly appreciated – we couldn't do it without you! The tournament will be held at [Chardonnay Golf Club in Napa, on Saturday October 21st](#) this year. We had a record turnout last year, so we're looking forward to another energetic crowd this Fall.

This year was a watershed year for us at The Orion Fund. In March we awarded 24 grants to students at twelve UC, CSU and local community colleges in California, for a total of \$35,000 in support. Once again, medical needs ranged from car crashes to cancer, following the demographics of young adults in crisis. It was an especially challenging process, with more student applicants than ever before and larger grants awarded. For the first time, we turned away worthy applicants. The Priem Family Foundation has responded with an amazing offer to match donations of \$5,000 or more up to a total of \$25,000.

Our golf tournament has been able to support our students these past ten years, and we certainly couldn't keep going without you! Please consider becoming a [Stellar Sponsor](#) or joining the Priem Family matching grants. Either way, we so appreciate you. The enclosed package includes the story of one of our students and snapshots of how we've grown. I'm particularly proud to say to our investors, that in 2016, \$0.97 of every dollar donated went to a student... that's the fourth year in a row.

More information about us (our grants, students, film project, the golf tournament) can be found at www.theorionfund.org. We are inspired by the courage and strength of our students as they strive to continue their studies in the face of serious health challenges. Our grants relieve their financial burden and acknowledge their tremendous efforts.

Thank you always for being part of The Orion Fund,

The Board of Directors
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Yep! I'm in for 2017:

- \$500 Hole Sponsor - Private
- \$1000 Stellar Sponsor – Corporate
- \$2000 Super Nova Sponsor
- \$5000 Priem Family Foundation matching grant!

We are delighted to thank our Hole Sponsors with: Signs with your name and logo on the greens, in the clubhouse, in our publications and on our website. All donations are tax deductible... The Orion Fund is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Dear Orion Fund,

June 2015

I wanted to say a big THANK YOU for the \$6000 grant your foundation has given me for living expenses towards my last year of graduate school. After being denied financial aid for next school year, I felt close to being defeated by cancer like I was being beaten down everytime I tried to move forward with my life. And with my older sister's cancer diagnoses, it has been even harder on my family and I. The great news I received from your foundation really hit me, and I could not wait to tell my sister. Your generous contribution has given me time to breath and relieve myself of worry. Now I have enough money to pay for rent, bills, food, and school supplies, while also working as a TA next school year. Seriously, I hope you know that your foundation really helps financially unsettled young adult cancer patients, like me, relieve themselves of financial stress. The existence of the Orion Fund is part of the reason why I get to continue living a normal life after experiencing adversity, and I could not thank you enough! ☺



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Here is a copy of one of my favorite photos I promised to provide. This was on 10/10/13, which was the day of my 10/11/13 bilateral mastectomy surgery. Recovery was painful for me, but the hospital allowed my dog to lay by my bedside. It was the best feeling to have Mickey with me. - Inuy



