



THE SHARON ACADEMY
SCHOLARSHIP FUND EXPANSION

GIVE THE GIFT OF TSA

Where Small is Big, Every Student Matters

At The Sharon Academy (TSA), we believe that every student deserves the opportunity to discover their immense potential in our unique small school community. For over 25 years, we have nurtured intelligent, independent, and creative thinking, awakening students to the difference they can make in the world.

THE NEED

Currently, 38% of our students come from low-income families, and 35% travel from geographically isolated towns to access TSA's transformative education. While we've successfully supported some students through our Pat Woodin Scholarship Fund at the middle school level, many families still struggle to afford a TSA education at the high school level with an annual tuition of \$22,900 for "non-sending towns."

This financial barrier affects both continuing and prospective students. Talented students who could thrive in our high school environment are unable to access the TSA experience due to financial constraints. Additionally, some middle school students who have positively impacted our school culture face difficult choices when transitioning to high school.

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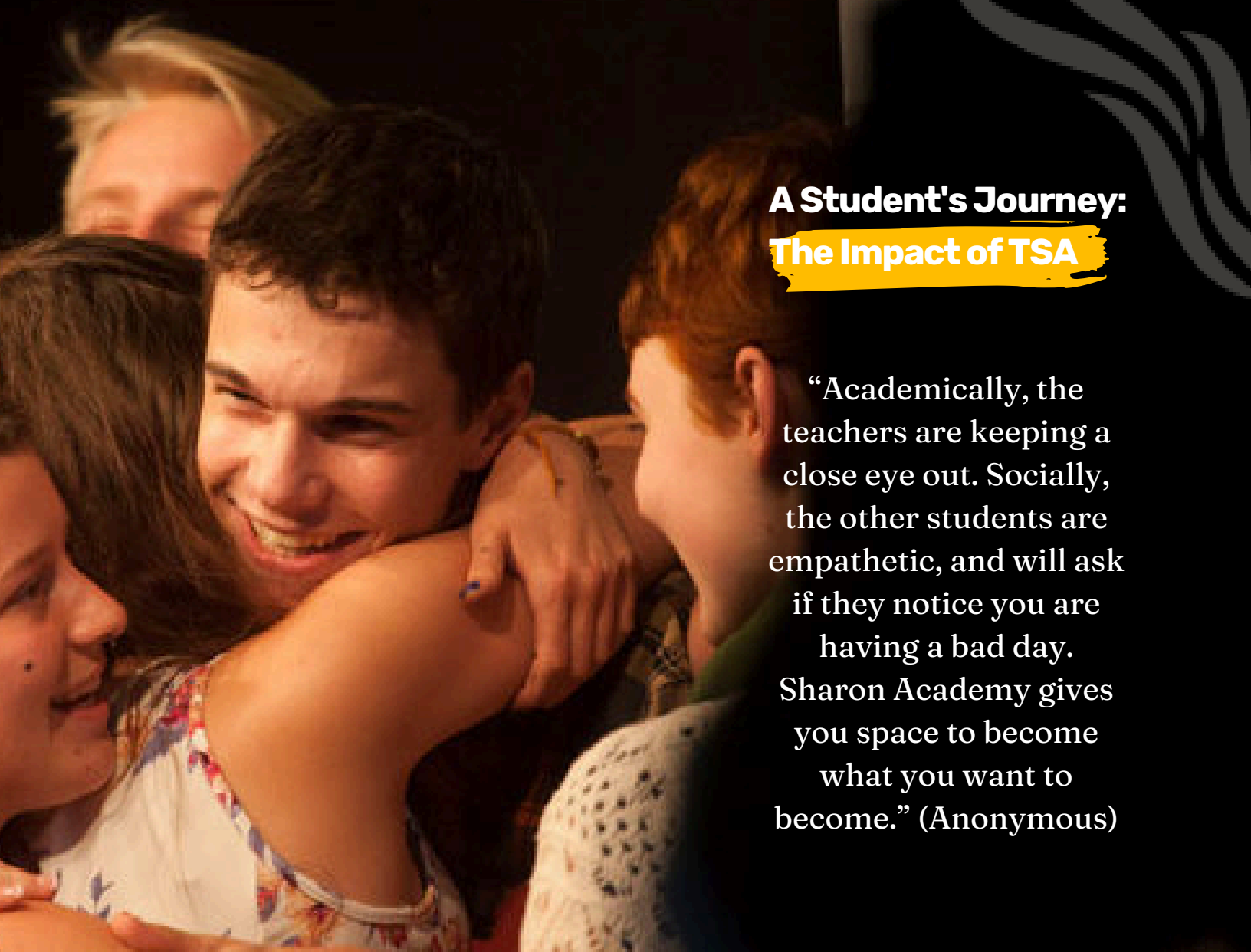
140
Students

83%
Publically
funded

38%
From low-
income families

18
Towns

35%
From geographically
isolated towns



A Student's Journey: The Impact of TSA

“Academically, the teachers are keeping a close eye out. Socially, the other students are empathetic, and will ask if they notice you are having a bad day. Sharon Academy gives you space to become what you want to become.” (Anonymous)

OUR VISION

TSA seeks to expand the Pat Woodin Scholarship program, currently only at the middle school, to ensure the TSA education remains accessible to all deserving students throughout their academic journey. This fund will support a range of initiatives that reduce barriers to participation in TSA's transformative educational experience, with a primary focus on expanding tuition assistance for high school students.

Our goal is to raise \$40,000 by June 30, 2025, to support students currently benefiting from financial assistance and establish a sustainable framework for future support.

HOW THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WORKS

TSA operates within Vermont's unique education funding system. For students from "sending towns" (such as Sharon, Chelsea, Tunbridge, and others), the annual tuition of \$22,900 is covered by their town. However, students from non-sending towns must pay this tuition privately, creating a significant barrier to access.

The Scholarship Program bridges this gap through:

Tuition Assistance for Students from Non-Sending Towns:	Partial tuition support based on financial need and merit
	Families contribute at least one-third of tuition costs, ensuring meaningful investment in their child's education
	Support covers general education tuition costs of \$22,900
Program Access & Enhancement:	Supports participation in signature TSA experiences
	Enhances community-building activities
	Expands educational resources and opportunities
Support Structure:	Awards are determined through a careful evaluation process that considers both the student's potential contribution to our community and their family's financial circumstances
	Recipients engage fully in all aspects of TSA life
	Expands educational resources and opportunities
	The program builds on our successful Pat Woodin Scholarship model, which has demonstrated positive impact

THE POWER OF YOUR GIFT

Your contribution to TSA's Scholarship Fund
creates immediate, tangible impact:



\$10,000

- Covers nearly 50% of a student's annual tuition (\$22,900)
- Enables participation in signature TSA programs like Interims and Exhibitions
- Supports a full year of mentorship and academic guidance



\$5,000

- Provides approximately one quarter of annual tuition
- Enables participation in enrichment experiences
- Supports student engagement in community-building activities



\$2,500

- Provides access to essential academic resources
- Supports participation in elective programs
- Contributes to creating an inclusive learning environment



\$1,000

- Funds specialized academic support services
- Enables participation in field experiences
- Supports student leadership development



\$500

- Provides essential educational materials
- Supports participation in community events
- Contributes to creating inclusive spaces



\$100-\$250

- Funds academic supplies for a semester
- Supports a student's participation in a field trip
- Provides materials for hands-on learning experiences

WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Your gift to TSA's Scholarship Fund does more than provide financial assistance – it:



Creates opportunities

for talented students to access
TSA's exceptional education

Enriches our school community

with diverse perspectives and experiences



Strengthens our commitment

to inclusivity and educational equity

Ensures the sustainability

of TSA's unique educational model





GIVE THE GIFT OF TSA

Remember your or your student's TSA experience? The close-knit community, the engaging curriculum, the mentorship from dedicated teachers who knew you as an individual? Now you can give that same transformative experience to another student.

Through the generosity of our board members, all donations will be matched up to \$20,000 through June 30, 2025, doubling the impact of your gift.

JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Your contribution to the TSA Scholarship Fund **is an investment in:**

A student's future

The strength of our school community

The continued success of TSA's mission

Together, we can ensure that TSA remains a place where every student, regardless of financial circumstances, can discover their potential and make their mark on the world.

WAYS TO GIVE

Your gift to The Sharon Academy Scholarship Fund will help ensure that every deserving student has access to TSA's transformative education, regardless of financial circumstances.



Donate Today



Online

Make a secure donation on our website: [dedicated URL]



By Mail

Checks & Donor-Advised Funds: Make payable/directed to "The Sharon Academy" and mail to P.O. Box 207, Sharon, VT 05065



Stock or Securities

Donating appreciated securities or making gifts directly from an IRA can provide substantial tax advantages. It's often most beneficial to donate securities held long-term (over 12 months). Please contact our Development Office for complete stock/securities transfer instructions.



Multi-Year Pledge

Commit to a specific gift amount that can be fulfilled over time (up to five years). Contact our Advancement team to set up your personalized pledge schedule.



Maximize Your Impact

Employer Matching: Many companies match active or retired employee donations. Check with your HR department to see if you qualify.

Recurring Gifts: Support TSA throughout the year by establishing a recurring donation at the frequency that best suits your budget.

Legacy Giving: Consider including TSA in your estate planning to create a lasting legacy through bequests in your will or trust, beneficiary designations for retirement accounts or life insurance, and more.

Contact Us

To discuss your gift to TSA or receive more information on ways to support the school, please reach out to our Advancement team at advancement@sharonacademy.net or directly to one of the people below.

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