

The following summary of our December 16, 2025 Board Meeting is provided in lieu of a formal set of minutes that were lost in the transition from the old website to the new website.

Scholarship Decisions

This cycle, we focused on helping alumni who are close to finishing degrees and on using conditional approvals where more information is needed.

Approved (clear progress, near completion):

- **Taisha Collins ('02, Clarkson College)** – Continuing in radiography with a 3.09 GPA. After pausing for a year to care for her medically fragile son, she is back on track. We agreed to continue supporting her through this final stretch.
- **Maddy (Matty) Atencio Dore ('21, Arkansas Baptist College)** – Near completion, continuing to do good work for Boys Town. We approved her request to help her cross the finish line and represent the alumni community well.
- **Nyeshia Fernandez ('25, Metropolitan Community College)** – Finishing Human Services and requested \$1,500 to cover tuition and fees only (about \$1,432). She understands we do not fund housing or living costs, and we approved support at the requested level.
- **Niles Pederson ('21, UNO)** – A senior with a 3.2 GPA who has consistently maintained standards while on scholarships. We viewed this as a straightforward case to push him over the line.
- **Shawn Pruitt ('91, Western Governors University)** – A 51-year-old alumna with a 4.0 GPA, returning to complete a degree after several prior attempts over 30+ years. He previously returned funds when surgery prevented attendance, which the Board noted as an act of integrity. We approved further support.
- **Kiera Kelly** – Completing a Criminology degree in May while working at Boys Town and Omaha Home for Boys and supporting her family. We approved her request and also noted her strong potential for future board service and her stated intent to “pay it forward” when able.
- **Erin Wolf (University of Alaska Fairbanks)** – Finishing with a 4.0 GPA and planning to pursue graduate study (master’s and doctorate) in environmental/psychology fields. We agreed to fund her final term and see her as a strong candidate for future leadership and philanthropy.

Approved Conditionally (pending more information/coordination):

- **Cantrell Fuller ('21, Arkansas Baptist College)** – Requested \$3,500 and appears to be in significant need after transferring from a for-profit institution. We approved his

scholarship *subject to follow-up with Boys Town staff (especially Tori) to confirm appropriate use of funds and existing support.*

- **Julian Hill Lopez ('25)** – Requested \$3,000 and is on financial hold for unpaid semester charges, which is blocking winter enrollment. We approved her award *conditionally pending clarification* on what Successful Futures is already providing, and we noted the need to update our forms from “Continuing Care” to “Successful Futures.”
- **Cameron Mulvey ('25, Kansas State, Computer Science)** – Applied without current semester grades available but provided enrollment and financial aid documentation. We approved support *contingent on receipt of his GPA and a better understanding of how much Boys Town is already funding.*

Closed/Returned Cases (old business):

- **Miranda Collins** – Reapplied, but submitted late to Successful Futures and appears to have abandoned a nearly completed nursing path for an unclear alternative.
- **Conor Graham** – Incarcerated as of June; his scholarship check was returned and re-deposited into the Fund.

Overall, our pattern remains to support students demonstrating progress and communication, while using conditional approvals and internal coordination when necessary.

Financial Position & Accounting

This has been an unusually strong year for contributions:

- We received approximately **\$188,000** in contributions over eleven months and expect to exceed **\$250,000** in revenue for the full year.
- Scholarship awards total about **\$46,000**, and after modest investment management fees (around **0.40%**) and administrative costs, the Fund remains in a strong financial position.

To improve accuracy and reduce manual work, the Board approved **read-only access** for the **Nonprofit Association of the Midlands** (our accounting provider) to:

- Our **RBC investment account**, and
- Our **Chase bank account**.

This will eliminate the need for the Treasurer to download and forward monthly statements and will allow accountants to see ACH deposits and investment details directly.

Implementing this will require a letter for RBC and likely some persistence with Chase, but the direction is set.

We are also continuing to wrestle with the growing number of donor-advised fund (DAF) contributions where donor identity is incomplete or absent. Work is underway to match available addresses and information wherever possible.

Website, CRM, and Fundraising Infrastructure

We are moving forward with the **Neon One CRM-backed website** in partnership with the **Boys Town National Alumni (BTNA)**:

- BTNAA has covered the upfront setup and training costs (about **\$4,300–\$4,400**).
- We are operating under a **60/40 cost-sharing arrangement**, with our share around **\$1,500–\$1,580** annually.

Once BTNAA is fully set up on the new platform, we will:

- Add a **dedicated page and donation pathway** for the Alumni Scholarship Fund;
- Route online gifts **directly to our Chase account**;
- Use Neon's tools to run **targeted campaigns**, manage **tracking and reporting**, and replace one-off solutions like independently managed forms.

This approach lets us modernize our fundraising without building a completely separate website, and it gives alumni a unified online experience for BTNAA and the Scholarship Fund.

We are also exploring **contract or outsourced fundraising support**, consistent with what many peer nonprofits are doing, and plan to gather more input from an outside consultant prior to our **April 23, 2026 meeting**, where we will also address the 2026 budget and officer elections.

John Mollison

Secretary, Boys Town Alumni Scholarship Fund Board