



# STAR/CSF-Ft. Worth Times



Helping students achieve a choice in education!



## Vision Statement

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The Board of Trustees of the STAR Sponsorship Program, Inc./CSF FW is dedicated to increasing educational options for children in Tarrant County whose parents do not have the financial means to provide an education best suited to their children's unique needs. We believe the well-being of the entire community is enhanced when children are given a quality education that allows them to achieve to their utmost ability. Therefore, we intend wherever possible, to encourage partnerships with schools, parents, community organizations and concerned citizens in supporting our community's children to achieve the American Dream.



Share with others how you are making a difference in a child's life by giving them the gift of education. Your donation is matched with funds from the parent and the school, thereby leveraging your contribution. 100% of funds allocated for tuition are spent on scholarships. See Maria's Story on Youtube: [http://youtu.be/iqNinL\\_H-Cs](http://youtu.be/iqNinL_H-Cs)

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When I think of the stars, I think of going on forever. You see the clouds in the beautiful blue sky, and if you keep going you see the never-ending space. The sky is like the endless possibilities that we have. There are many obstacles and steps in order to get to space just as there are to reach success. The STAR Program has taught me to reach for the stars and use them to shine different paths towards my future. I am the one who has to pick the correct path for my future. Although I have a long way to go and many more obstacles to overcome, the STAR Program has helped me begin my journey.

The STAR Program has helped me be more responsible in school and my daily life. There was always pressure to be a good student and get good grades. Now I know it did not just help me stay in school; it helped me be prepared for the next stage of life. I know that the good habits that I adapted are now going to help me when I get to college.

Without my sponsors I would not have the opportunities I have now. They are the people who helped my parents give me a good education. They have taught me that you can make a big difference in a child's life. My sponsor has made a difference in my life that I will never forget or stop being grateful for. Being a STAR student is not just being able to get financial help. It is a privilege; it is an honor; it is something I will never forget...

**Andrea Robles, 8th grade May 2013**



I would like to thank the STAR program and my sponsor for helping me. The STAR program has given me a chance to have a better future and understand that I can do better for myself.

It made me smarter by giving me a better education

in a safe environment where I matter to teachers. If I didn't have a safe and challenging school, my mom would not have felt like she had given me the best opportunity to succeed. I am thankful for that. I would not be the person that I am today without the STAR Program.

My hope is that I can help kids have a better future by joining STAR as a sponsor. We need people to help others so they can have a brighter future.

I am proof that the STAR Program works. I have received Honor Roll Awards, Perfect Attendance Certificates, the American Way Award, the National Junior Honor Society Award, and was elected to the St. George Student Council. I participated in all the clubs because I wanted to succeed for STAR, my sponsor, my mom and me.

I am blessed because STAR chose me, and someone whom I didn't even know supported my education. When I grow up and have a career, I will always know that STAR paved the way for my success along with all the people who are part of this great program. Thanks for believing in me, STAR.

**Bailey Castro, 8th grade May 2013**

## ★ Mission Accomplished!

Graduation 2013... what a time for celebration! Fourteen STAR students received numerous accolades and awards at their graduation/awards ceremonies. The Marian Award, Amon G. Carter Scholar, American Way Award, National Junior Honor Society Award, Straight A Honor Roll, A/B Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Citizenship Award, Summa Cum Laude Scholar, Magna Cum Laude Scholars, Cum Laude Scholar, Student Council, Esto Dux Awards, Music Awards, Lone Star State Scholar, Frank B. Staton Award, Spanish Award, Junior Achievement Award, Christian Role Model Award, Duke Scholars, Music Awards, Outstanding Behavior Awards, Outstanding School Spirit Award, Spanish Awards, Sports Awards, Student Council Officers, Valedictorian, Student of the Year, Math Awards, Fine Arts Awards, President's Award for Educational Excellence... This is the stuff of what dreams are made. The foundation has been set for these young men and ladies as they move into the next phase of their lives. We celebrate their achievements, noting the hard work and determination it took to achieve them. We are grateful to all their sponsors who made this journey with them. You have greatly impacted their lives, their families' lives, and their futures.

**Making a Difference... One Student at a Time!**



# 8th Grade Graduate Showcase



As a STAR student I'm very appreciative of how this program has helped me. STAR gives students a chance to have the education that our parents dream to give us.

Learning and striving to make the best of my education has always been a great factor for my mom and for me. Studying and hard work always gets you closer to your dreams and goals. You have to push yourself to do a little more to make that grade. Each quarter I make sure to bring good grades. I don't want to disappoint my mother and my sponsor .

*Cynthia, St. George May '13*

Being a STAR student has shown me I can dream big. It means being a Star first in my own eyes. It means excelling as a person first and then I will be a better student. My sponsor and the STAR Program have helped me to believe in myself. I know that I can achieve anything I set my mind to. I thank God for my parents, STAR, and most of all my sponsor.



*Lauren, Christian Life PrepSchool May '13*



Being a Star Student has given me a purpose to live up to expectations. The expectations of those around me gave me a reason to work harder. Having a sponsor gives you the hope of there being good people around you. Writing to my sponsor has helped me advance my writing and spelling skills. To encourage a possible sponsor, I would tell them that the program is for a wonderful cause, and it gives kids a chance to get the good education they deserve when otherwise they would not have had the privilege.

*Kendall, St. George May '13*

Almost seven years ago I was fortunate to join the STAR Program. Now that I am near graduation, I feel emotionally overwhelmed to leave it. You have opened opportunities that couldn't be possible in a public school. I believe that anything can be accomplished when one puts their mind to it. I have been inspired through these years, and I will never forget the big role STAR and my sponsors have played in my life. Thank you very much for the continued support you provided to my family. When my dream of becoming a doctor is fulfilled, I hope to be able to reach out and help those who are less fortunate.

*Collins, St. Rita May '13*

Being a STAR student is an honor, and I feel blessed to be a part of a program this extraordinary. Knowing that I was being held accountable for my actions in school pushed me farther than I ever thought I could go. One of the benefits of having a sponsor is having that one person other than my mom be able to tell what is going on in my school life and having one more person pushing you to greatness and doing your best work. A sponsor changes the life of the child in so many ways. It motivates the child academically and gives them an extra boost of confidence.



*Carmen, Our Mother of Mercy May '13*

To be a STAR student you have to do the best you can academically, have good conduct, perseverance, and leadership. I try not only to meet the STAR standards, but to exceed them. I don't want an education just because my parents want me to. I want to be well educated so I can succeed in life and live my dream and become an engineer.

When I think of my sponsor, I think of a person who wants to help others achieve their goals in life, and someone who is interested in helping other people's lives. It is great to know that you have people on your side supporting you.

*Brandon, Calvary Christian May '13*

I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to have been chosen for the STAR program. I used to just do my work well enough to pass, but now I work to excel. I was a troubled kid with problems that needed to be addressed. The STAR program has helped me realize that I am capable of reaching my full potential if I continue to work hard and dedicate myself to my studies. In college I want to study Aeronautical Engineering and futuristic weaponry for space as it relates to our defense application. I later would like to continue my career in science and then go to the Air Force.



I would say to a prospective sponsor that your time and interest in a student would make a great impact on that student's life. You would become someone that would be considered a friend, and a mentor.

*Phillip, Our Mother of Mercy May '13*

The STAR program has changed my life in a big way. I learned that if you have an education, no matter who you are, you can accomplish anything. Thanks to STAR I am able to continue studying, and be the first generation from my family to go into a higher education. I learned from STAR and my parents that education is the key for a better life and to support my family. For the future I want to study medicine because I would like to study about cancer and other diseases.



*Tania, St. George May '13*

Being a STAR student means accomplishing your goals and setting higher goals to challenge yourself. Being held accountable for my school work motivated me to keep on track and do my best.



I really like writing to my sponsor. It makes me feel

great to know that there's someone who cares deeply about my education. The STAR Program has made such an impact on me that I will never forget it. I hope I can make a difference in the world someday.

*Lauren, St. Rita May '13*

The STAR program has helped me in so many ways, it's hard to describe just how thankful I am to have been accepted into the program. I have set many goals for myself to achieve in my future. I know I have been given the chance of a lifetime, and I take it very seriously. I want to excel not only in school work but in everything I do. I have so many people I want to make proud of me and hope and pray that I have.



I am so thankful that I had a wonderful sponsor. I loved her letters because she always kept me interested. She taught me to never stop trying no matter how hard things got. The STAR program has made me want to "reach for the stars in my quest for the gold" by always trying my best in everything! I thank my sponsor for always believing in me to do better than before. I will never forget the STAR program or how they have helped me! I also know that I will never forget my sponsor!

*Alyssa, Calvary Christian May '13*



STAR students Shine!

