

“Every kid is one caring adult away from being a success story.”

Josh Shipp

MEET A MATCH



My husband and I became Marathon Coaches and Sponsors because we believe a solid education is

every child's right, and every person's ticket to a better life. We met our Scholar, Duy, when he was just 10 years old, a shy, small, whip-smart little boy with a family who loves and believes in him. Over the past three years we have watched that little boy sprout not only in stature, but in his classrooms. His love for knowledge, drive to do well, and dedication to making the most of his life and his future reinforce our decision to start this journey.

We are so impressed with Marathon and its solid mission to provide not only the financial means for its scholars to make their college dreams come true, but also the invaluable life lessons that come from the Coach/Scholar relationship. Scooter and I are honored to call Duy and his family our friends, and we look forward to extending our relationship well beyond Duy's college career.

Reed Coleman & Scooter Sutterer



“I am humbled to receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree because no one else in my family has graduated college. I'm so grateful for the scholarship I have received from Marathon and the continued support they provide. I cannot wait until the day when I can pay it forward by sponsoring a student myself” - Anna, Marathon's first college graduate



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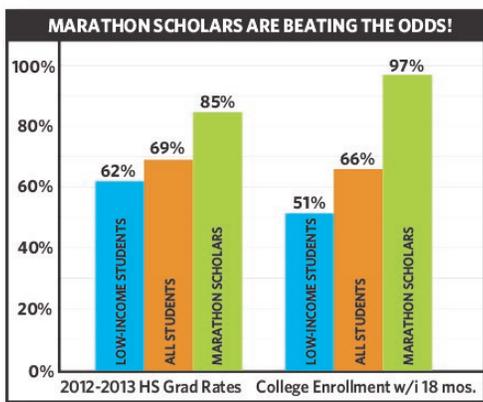
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WHY MARATHON?

Research continues to show that more jobs in the future will require a post-secondary education and that individuals with a postsecondary degree are significantly more likely to earn more over their lifetimes, be healthier, be less likely to need government assistance and be more engaged citizens. Yet, only 10% of low income students will achieve a 4-year degree. Marathon connects with kids early, in the 4th grade, to get them on the path to success and works hard to keep them on that path. We know it's a marathon, not a sprint!



WHAT DO WE DO?

Marathon Scholars helps increase college attainment for low income students through a combination of evidenced-based support tools including:



1. Enrichment programs that increase college awareness and access
2. One-on-one support of a mentor who makes a long-term relationship commitment
3. A \$12,000 scholarship waiting for them when they get to college!



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?



SPONSOR A SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsors are a critical component of the Marathon program and donate \$12,000 to the scholarship fund to support an entire Scholar Class - usually \$100 a month for 10 years. They receive annual updates about the progress of their special group of Scholars and are invited to celebrate at annual events. All Scholars in a Sponsor's class is paired with a Marathon Coach who commits to connecting monthly and supporting the student in their marathon to college.

Sponsors:

- Change a life!
- Expand a child's view of the possible
- Provide a powerful incentive to motivate Scholars toward long-term success
- Help make college a financial reality

Often, volunteers choose to do both the Sponsor and Coach portions of the Marathon program. Please contact us if you are interested in supporting Marathon Scholars in both ways!

BECOME A MARATHON COACH

Marathon Coaches are mentors who commit to supporting a student for at least 4 years as they prepare for and head off to college. Their Scholar is paired with a separate Sponsor who donates \$12,000 to the Scholarship fund for their college education.

Marathon Coaches:

- Change a life!
- Take the lead in supporting a young person through an ongoing, one-on-one relationship
- Serve as a positive role model and friend
- Build a relationship through consistent, long-term communication
- Communicate with their Scholar at least monthly by phone, mail, e-mail
- Plan in-person activities with Scholar 3-8 times each year

READY TO GET STARTED?

As a Coach: Call or email info@marathonscholars.org to get your application and begin the screening process. Once we receive your application we will schedule your in-person interview.

As a Sponsor: Call 503-235-2500 or email info@marathonscholars.org.

We can't wait to hear from you!



"Nine-tenths of education is encouragement." Anatole France