

About the Imagine America Foundation

Established in 1982, the Imagine America Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing scholarship, research and faculty development for the career college sector. The Foundation serves the career college community by providing scholarships and awards, conducting sector research, offering faculty training, honoring achievement in career education, and supporting and promoting the benefits of career colleges to the general public.

The Foundation currently sponsors three scholarship and award programs, including *Imagine America* for graduating high school seniors, the Military Award Program (MAP) for active duty, reservist or honorably discharged U.S. military personnel, and *Imagine America* Adult Skills Education Program (ASEP) for adult learners. To date, through the *Imagine America*® programs, the Foundation has presented over \$37 million in scholarships and awards to students enrolling at career colleges and universities all across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Through its supporters, the Foundation sponsors additional programs such as the *Imagine America* Promise scholarship program for adult students. Since inception, the Promise scholarship program has secured over \$450,000 in grants, which have supported over 550 continuing career college students. The LDRSHIP Award recognizes exceptional military personnel who have decided to further their education by attending a participating career college. LDRSHIP Award honorees receive up to \$5,000 toward their education. Established in 2006, the Gail Benjamin Fellowship offers grants to female and minority professionals to attend the Career College Association (CCA) annual Leadership Institute, designed for current and emerging career college directors.

Educational research has been an integral component of the Foundation's activities since its establishment. In 2007, the Foundation released the *Economic Impact of America's Career Colleges*, the first comprehensive study completed on the economic impact of the career college sector. This study estimates that career colleges generate \$38.6 billion in annual economic impact. The Foundation also publishes the annual *Fact Book: A Profile of Career Colleges and Universities*, which contains valuable career college statistics and trends about the postsecondary education sector. The Foundation's publications are widely distributed and used by many government and non-government agencies and departments. For more information about the Imagine America Foundation, please visit www.imagine-america.org.

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