



Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in the REAP Incentive-Based Scholarship Program and increased counseling programs operating in Lindsay Unified School District. Let me tell you a little about our history and goals.

The REAP Foundation was founded with the intention of giving back some of what the agricultural community has provided our farming family. We have seen huge changes in our part of rural America as a result of unprecedented immigration to this community from abroad. The agricultural industry has flourished as a result of this immigration, but many of our rural communities have suffered from a lack of adequate educational services to meet new needs. We feel that our business and the agricultural industry at large has attracted hard-working individuals whose families may be unable to see the hope in the “American Dream” that promises educational advancement and success as an opportunity for all who work hard to attain it. The REAP Foundation Scholarship Program seeks to give back some of the wealth made possible by immigrant labor to address this challenge to our rural communities, hoping to make visible the pathway to educational success.

In line with these goals, we made the decision to focus this small scholarship program in a narrow enough way to motivate and encourage one segment in our community that is in need: *children of immigrants whose parents did not attend college*. We believe our business has a responsibility to contribute to adequately introducing the pathway to college to this specific group of students. It is unfortunate that a limited program such as REAP is unable to make this scholarship available to all students. However, this is a targeted program from private funds within a targeted purpose. Our judgment is that REAP’s limited benefit has a dual purpose: first, to help individual students, and second, to create a college-going culture among all Lindsay High School students, so that the pathway to higher education is clear to the entire community.

Please feel free to use the [student resources](#) page of our website to find links to search for scholarships and keep on the college track. Again, thank you for your interest in the REAP Foundation.

Sincerely,

David O. Evans
Director of the REAP Foundation