

NORTH
BENNET ST.
SCHOOL

A Guide to Giving

NBSS PHILANTHROPY



Meaningful Work

Investing in NBSS Together

At North Bennet Street School, we transform ideas into achievements—from the plans and materials of our trades to the aspirations and ambitions of our community. Since 1881, our School has been a beacon of excellence, dedicated to creating opportunities that shape each student's journey and ensure the success of our graduates. At NBSS, we nurture talent, hone skills, and transform lives.

The worlds of education and employment are at a crossroads, and we are meeting the challenge through meaningful work. Our students boldly forge new pathways for themselves at NBSS, and we are deeply committed to their journeys. We embrace diverse talents and experiences, fostering a training environment where every individual can thrive. Our dedication extends beyond the classroom, ensuring that each student receives the mentorship and resources needed to reach their goals. In doing so, we fulfill one of our most important responsibilities: empowering the skilled workforce of tomorrow.

Since our founding, we have trained generations of individuals who quite literally make, build, preserve, and repair the world around us. We recognize the importance of these hands-on efforts as a cornerstone of human intelligence, enterprise, and culture. And we value the dedication, creativity, and expertise that each student brings to their trade. With our distinguished reputation as a school, legacy of fine craftsmanship, and global community of leaders in their fields, our impact is enduring.

By investing in NBSS, you join a legacy of optimism. Together, we can broaden access to our education, uphold the highest quality instruction, and continue to serve our community for generations to come. United in this vision, we will advance and preserve craft and trade disciplines, ensuring NBSS remains a place where every individual can reach their fullest potential.

Join us in our commitment to meaningful work and transformative education.
Support NBSS today.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

North Bennet Street School has always thrived—indeed, was founded—on the generosity of visionary philanthropists who recognized the profound value of work, craft, and education as pathways to personal fulfillment and community well-being. This legacy informs everything we have achieved, everything we pursue today, and everything we envision for the School's future.

Today, we celebrate and honor a diverse community of donors—individuals, private foundations, and businesses of all sizes—on whose support we secure a foundation for the future.

As we approach our 150th anniversary, our goals are clear: **reach more people and increase access, support and invest in faculty, reduce barriers to student success both in the classroom and beyond, and build our capacity to sustain these priorities for the long-term.** To achieve this, we will expand our philanthropic network and raise our sights: for our endowment, as well as for annual unrestricted support.

Within these pages, we aim to inform and inspire you—sharing our direction, our reasons, and the resources required to realize our vision. I invite you to join us on this journey; the work will be rewarding, it will be enduring, and it will be deeply meaningful.

Thank you,



COLLEEN WALSH POWELL
NBSS Director of Development

WHO DONATES TO NBSS?

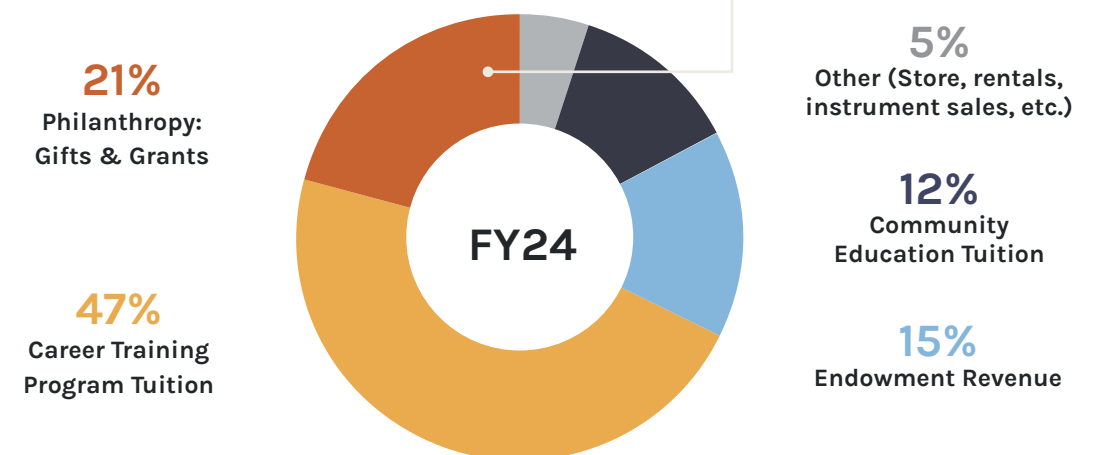
- ✓ Donors at all levels contribute to **The NBSS Fund**, which is the cornerstone of philanthropic support at NBSS and undergirds both our core operation & the greatest needs of the School.
- ✓ Donors who contribute \$1,000 or more to the NBSS Fund are honored as members of the **Shaw Society**, recognizing them as some of our most generous supporters through this leadership annual giving program.
- ✓ Our **Partners in Craft** program recognizes businesses and corporations, large and small, that support the School with budget-relieving contributions of \$2,500 or more.
- ✓ Named for the year of our founding, **The 1881 Society** recognizes members of our community who have included NBSS in their estate plans.
- ✓ **Generous foundations & philanthropic institutions** support the School with special gifts for restricted purposes like scholarships, endowed funds, capital priorities, or other special initiatives.



NBSS ANNUAL PHILANTHROPIC REVENUE



NBSS ANNUAL OPERATING REVENUE BY SOURCE



The NBSS Fund

Formerly known as the NBSS Annual Fund

The NBSS Fund plays a vital role in supporting North Bennet Street School. Non-profit organizations often use terms like “greatest need,” “operating costs,” “general fund,” and “paying the light bill” to describe annual unrestricted giving. The NBSS Fund is all these things and so much more.

A gift to the NBSS Fund directly contributes to the School’s operations by supporting students, maintaining equipment, developing faculty, and purchasing materials, tools, and technology.

Operating costs go up every year, in ways we can’t control—like the price of materials—and also in ways we want to encourage, like competitive compensation and benefits for staff and faculty, and the addition of teaching assistants to our instructor rosters. The primary revenue drivers we have to meet these increases are simple: tuition and the NBSS Fund.

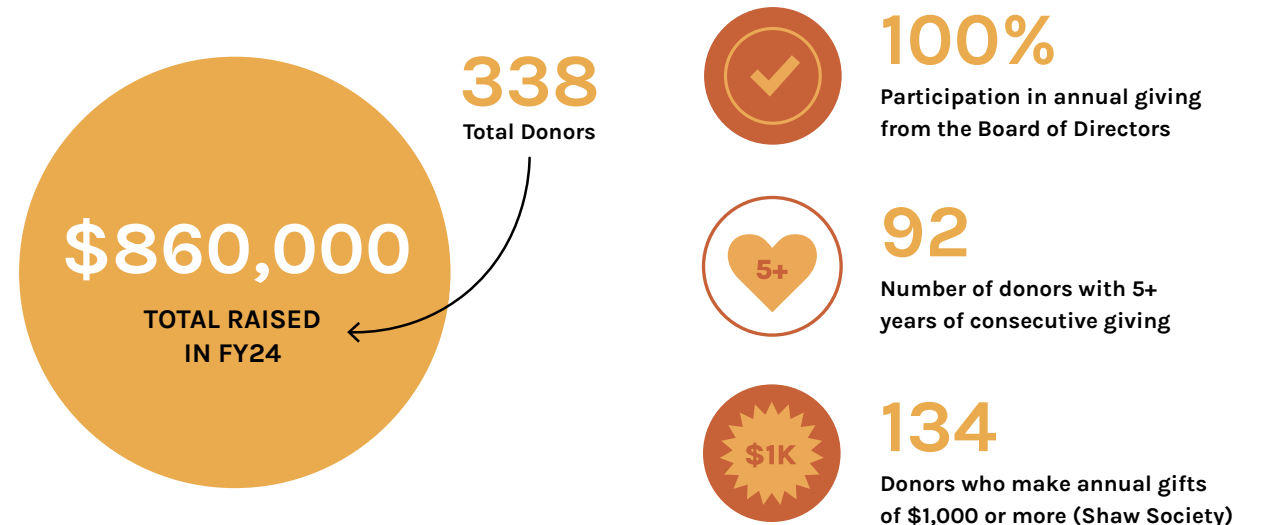
Which means, robust annual giving at every level helps us keep tuition affordable, scholarships healthy, and our operation strong. The greater the Fund, the more we can support all aspects of an NBSS education, from purchasing lumber and laptops to stocking the student food pantry.

As of this writing, the NBSS Fund accounts for 11% of our total operating budget (about \$850,000 each year). If we are to achieve our goals and ambitions, we need to grow the Fund steadily and sustainably over the next few years, to exceed \$1,000,000 annually. These resources will be absolutely critical to map each year’s plan, manage rising costs, support our faculty, and pursue new opportunities. It is a cornerstone of financial health, from which we will build our capacity and advance our mission and impact.

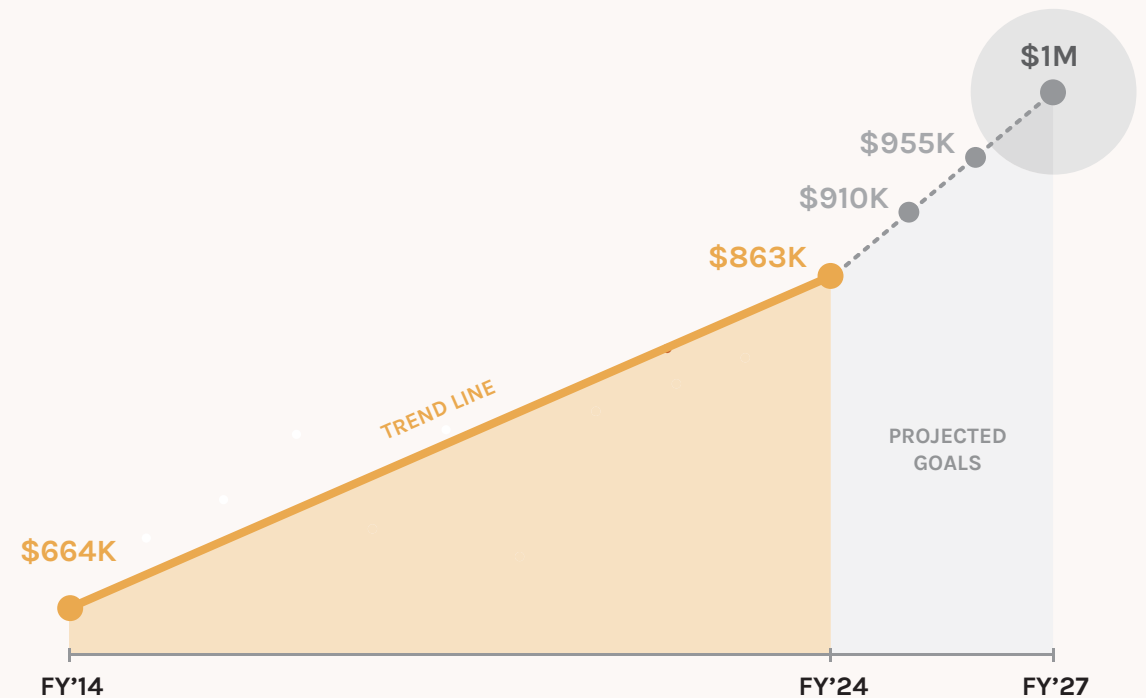
Support for the NBSS Fund is a gift to the present that builds toward our future.



NBSS FUND FACTS



NBSS FUND GROWTH OVER TIME



The NBSS Endowment

The NBSS Endowment is used to support the School's yearly operations. Endowed funds may be established by agreement with donors that the original gift is not wholly expendable; instead, the NBSS Board of Directors invests these gifts to support the School's long-term future.

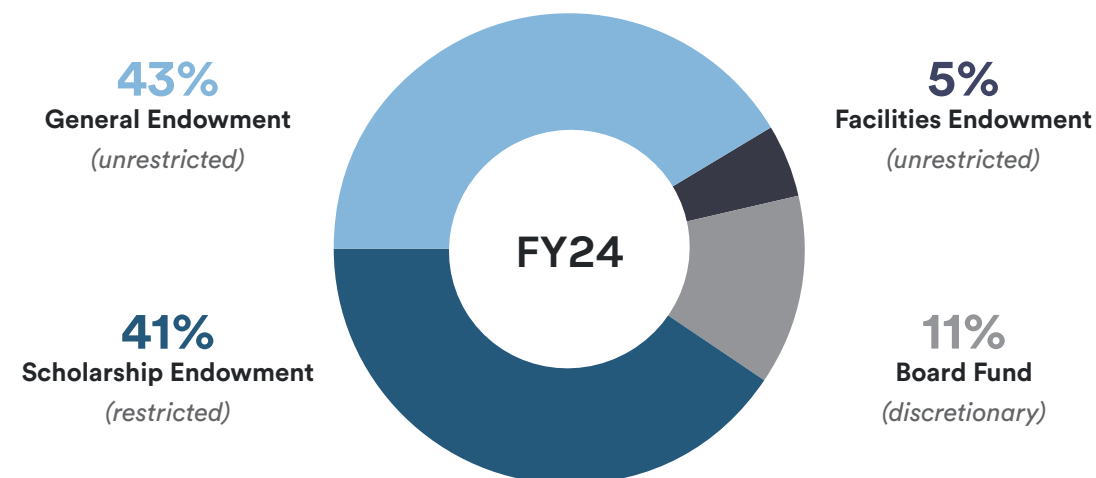


The Endowment is one more financial tool that protects the School from over-reliance on tuition and annual giving to fund our operation each year. It enables us to provide high quality education while keeping tuition as affordable as possible. The Endowment also helps us weather external threats and unpredictable emergencies.

Contributions to the NBSS Endowment support our core mission and ambitions to invest in faculty, support student success, and strengthen our institutional abilities. Our Endowment represents a lasting legacy from past donors and leaders, providing stability for the present and security for the future.

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NBSS ENDOWMENT CATEGORIES & RESTRICTIONS





To members of the NBSS donor community, and those yet to join: thank you in advance for your highest consideration to support NBSS.

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Thank you for investing in North Bennet Street School. Your commitment to meaningful work and transformative education is greatly appreciated, and will help our students, faculty, and broader institution reach success like never before.

For any questions, and to start a conversation about your support for NBSS, please contact:



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North Bennet Street School's mission is to train students for careers in traditional trades that use hand skills in concert with evolving technology, to preserve and advance craft traditions, and to promote greater appreciation of craftsmanship.