



# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2026

**THE INSTITUTE**  
FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL EQUITY



**The Institute for Health and Social Equity Gratitude Gala**  
*Advancing Equity through Health and Education*

Dear Supporter,

On behalf of The Institute for Health and Social Equity (IHSE), I am pleased to invite you to partner with us as a sponsor for the IHSE Gratitude Gala- Advancing Equity through Health and Education- Featuring IHSE Scholarships and Workforce Futures™ initiatives.

The IHSE Gratitude Gala is an annual fundraising event that brings together leaders from healthcare, education, workforce development, and philanthropy to celebrate progress and invest in the future. The evening reflects IHSE's commitment to expanding access, strengthening career pathways, and supporting the next generation of leaders through scholarships, mentorship, leadership development.

As a sponsor, your organization will help advance cross-sector collaboration on workforce innovation while directly supporting scholarships for the next generation of students and future leaders. Your investment will ensure that talented students — many from underrepresented and under-resourced communities — have access to opportunities that prepare them for meaningful careers.

### **Why This Matters**

The Gratitude Gala honors the teachers, nurses, and health professionals who prepare and sustain the next generation — while investing in students historically underrepresented in health and education fields. Proceeds from the event directly support IHSE's scholarship programs and year-round efforts to build a more inclusive, prepared, and resilient workforce.

We would be honored to include your organization as a partner in this vital effort. Enclosed are the sponsorship opportunities outlining tiered levels of engagement and recognition.

Please feel free to contact me directly or reach out to discuss partnership opportunities. Together, we can ensure that the next generation of leaders has both access and agency in shaping the future of work.

With gratitude and vision,  
Dr. Sherri Johnson  
Founder

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# Advancing equitable career pathways in nursing, public health, and STEM

***Because zip code should never determine access.***

## Who We Are

The Institute for Health and Social Equity (IHSE) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing access, opportunity, and equity across health and education. Our mission is to decrease health disparities by improving the health and social equity of vulnerable populations and groups historically underrepresented in the health and education fields.

## What We Do

IHSE expands opportunity through five core pillars: scholarships and wraparound support; leadership development and mentorship; Workforce Futures™ programming; policy literacy and advocacy education; and community-based health and STEM experiences. Together, these efforts prepare students for meaningful careers while strengthening the systems that support them.

## What We Believe

We believe that zip code should never determine access — to education, to healthcare, or to opportunity. By working across sectors and partnering with educators, employers, and community organizations nationwide, IHSE connects talent to pathways and helps build a more inclusive and resilient future workforce.

## Our Mission

Workforce Futures™ is an IHSE initiative advancing inclusive career pathways through education, workforce alignment, and direct student investment.

## Hear their stories...



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# SIGNATURE AWARDS

Signature IHSE Awards Presented at the Gratitude Gala

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## The IHSE Laureate Award

*Lifetime Achievement in Advancing Health & Education Equity*

IHSE's highest honor, recognizing an individual whose career reflects sustained, exemplary leadership and long-term contributions to advancing equity across health and education.

## The IHSE Catalyst Award

*Advancing Equitable Pathways in Health & Education*

Honors leaders whose work is actively accelerating access, opportunity, and innovation across health, education, and workforce development.

## The IHSE Educator Vanguard Award

*Leading the Future Through Teaching & Mentorship*

These honors reflect IHSE's commitment to recognizing leadership across health, education, and workforce development.

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## TOP TIERS

### LEVELS

### BENEFITS

#### FOUNDERS CIRCLE

**\$15,000+**

- Lead-level partners advancing IHSE's mission and long-term impact
- Deep commitment to expanding access, strengthening pathways, and investing in the future of health and education
- Prominent recognition associated with the IHSE Gratitude Gala
- Visibility across IHSE communications and platforms
- Engagement opportunities with cross-sector leaders and IHSE leadership
- Opportunities to support and engage with Workforce Futures™ initiatives

#### PRINCIPAL PARTNERS

**\$10,000**

- Key institutional supporters of IHSE scholarships, mentorship, and workforce initiatives
- Strong alignment with IHSE's mission and values
- High-visibility recognition connected to the IHSE Gratitude Gala
- Opportunities for engagement with IHSE leadership and programming
- Acknowledgment as trusted partners supporting students historically underrepresented in health and education fields

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## LEVELS

## BENEFITS

### PATHWAY BUILDER

**\$7,500**

- Support scholarship awards and leadership development opportunities
- Help students access and navigate pathways into health and education careers
- Demonstrate a meaningful commitment to expanding opportunity and supporting emerging talent

### OPPORTUNITY CATALYSTS

**\$3,500**

- Contribute to partial scholarships and educational programming
- Help remove barriers and open doors for students pursuing health and education careers
- Reflect active support for access, advancement, and equity

### COMMUNITY ALLIES

**\$1,500**

- Support essential student needs such as application fees, books, certification costs, and academic resources
- Reflect a shared commitment to community-based support and student success

### SUPPORTER CIRCLE

**Under  
\$1,000**

- Contribute to student stipends, leadership resources, and educational materials
- Provide an accessible way to support IHSE's mission and invest in future leaders

# ENGAGEMENT & CUSTOM OPTIONS

IHSE offers a range of optional engagement and recognition opportunities designed to deepen partnership and align organizational interests with mission impact. Options may include:

- Customized sponsorship enhancements aligned with organizational priorities
- Participation in **Workforce Futures™** thought leadership activities or publications
- Mentorship, student engagement, or career exploration opportunities
- Employee or organizational engagement spotlights
- Tailored impact summaries or recognition options

These opportunities allow partners to engage with IHSE in ways that are meaningful, flexible, and aligned with shared goals.

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## HOW TO PARTNER / CONTACT

Thank you for your interest in partnering with the Institute for Health and Social Equity. Sponsorship opportunities for the IHSE Gratitude Gala are available at multiple levels, and IHSE welcomes partnerships aligned with its mission and values.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

The Institute for Health and Social Equity, Inc.

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### PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

#### Online Payments:

Contributions may be made through IHSE's secure online payment links. Please contact IHSE for the appropriate link or visit the Institute's website for online giving options.

#### Checks or Money Orders

Make payable to: The Institute for Health and Social Equity, Inc.

Please mail or deliver payments as directed by IHSE upon confirmation of your partnership.

For questions regarding sponsorship commitments, payment methods, or recognition details, please contact IHSE using the information above. IHSE will follow up to confirm partnership details and next steps.

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# THANK YOU

**CONTACT US**

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