

# EMPOWERED JOURNEY FOUNDATION

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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

*Empowering Youth, Shaping Future*



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## A Message from the Founder

2025 marked the first full year of operations for the Empowered Journey Foundation. Following our incorporation in late 2024 and the successful approval of our IRS 501(c)(3) status on June 12, 2025, we began transforming our vision into meaningful action.

Our mission remains simple yet ambitious: to expand educational horizons, create opportunities for underserved youth, and empower young people to explore a broader world beyond the limitations of circumstance.

This year, we were honored to launch our first educational outreach initiatives and witness firsthand the transformative power of experiential learning.

## Organizational Overview

The Empowered Journey Foundation is a California-based nonprofit public charity dedicated to advancing educational equity, cultural exchange, and youth development.

Board of Directors:

- Siyi Qin, Founder and Director
- Weipeng Zhu, Director
- Ying Ying Meng, Director

## 2025 Program Highlights

### Maimiao Class Nantong Educational Exchange Program

The Foundation's inaugural educational initiative welcomed a group of outstanding middle school students from the Mianyang region of Sichuan Province to Nantong, Jiangsu.

Many participating students came from families facing economic hardship or long-term parental migration for work. Despite these challenges, they demonstrated exceptional academic performance, strong character, and remarkable curiosity about the world.

During the three-day exchange program, students experienced numerous milestones and first-time opportunities, including travel outside their home region, visits to cultural institutions, science facilities, and meaningful exchanges with students in Nantong.

The program fostered confidence, curiosity, gratitude, and a deeper understanding of possibilities, beyond students' immediate surroundings.



Students participating in the Nantong Educational Exchange Program during a sunset activity along the Yangtze River waterfront.

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# Financial Summary

Total Revenue: \$15,100  
Total Expenses: \$5,950  
Year-End Net Assets: \$18,650

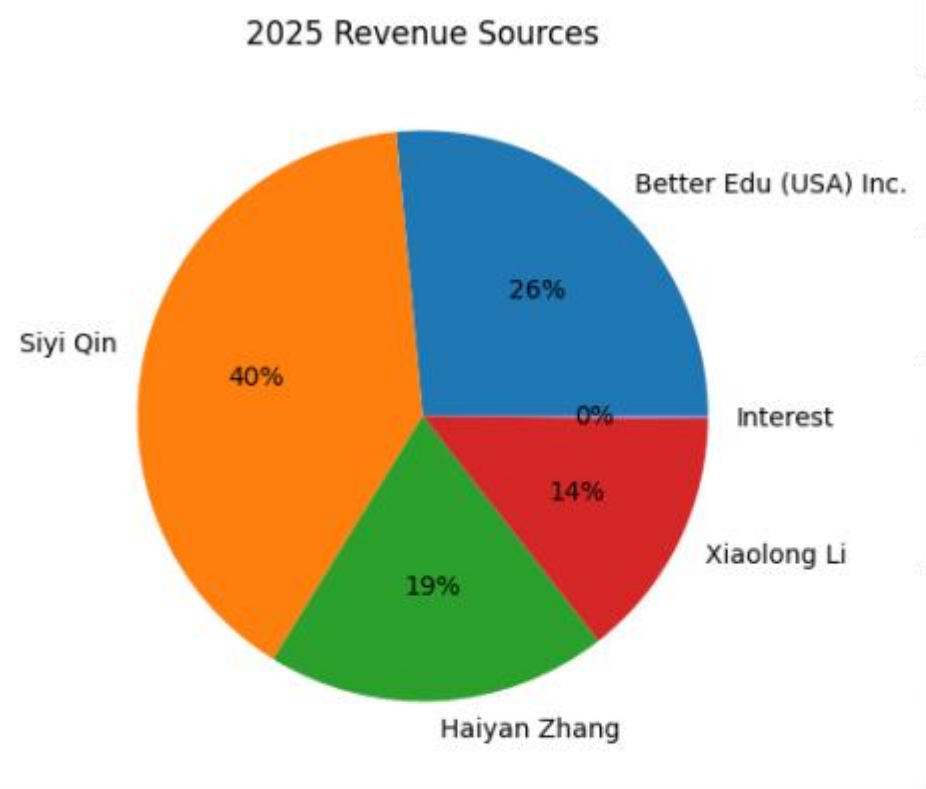


Figure 1. Revenue Sources for Fiscal Year 2025



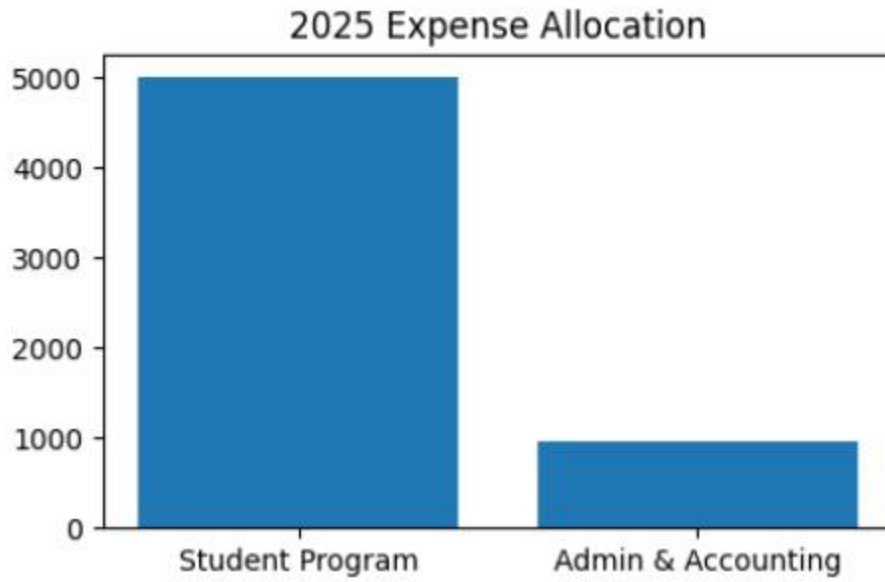


Figure 2. Expense Allocation for Fiscal Year 2025

Revenue Source	Amount (USD)
Better Edu (USA) Inc.	\$4,000
Siyi Qin	\$6,000
Haiyan Zhang	\$2,919
Xiaolong Li	\$2,158
Interest	\$23

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## Looking Ahead: Embarking 2025

Building upon the success of our initial exchange activities, the Foundation has begun developing the Embarking 2025 program.

This initiative aims to provide annual educational travel opportunities for approximately fifteen outstanding middle school students from the Mianyang region of Sichuan Province. Through immersive visits to more developed regions of China, participants will gain exposure to new educational environments, cultural experiences, and future possibilities.

## Donor Appreciation

The accomplishments of 2025 would not have been possible without the generosity and trust of our supporters.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all donors, volunteers, educators, community partners, and friends who contributed their time, resources, and encouragement throughout the year.

Special appreciation is extended to Mr. Siyi Qin, whose vision, leadership, and financial support made the Foundation's establishment and early programs possible.

We also gratefully acknowledge:

- Better Edu (USA) Inc.
- Ms. Haiyan Zhang
- Mr. Xiaolong Li

Every contribution, whether financial, professional, or personal, has helped create opportunities for young people to discover a wider world and imagine a brighter future.

## Looking Forward

As we enter 2026, the Empowered Journey Foundation remains committed to expanding educational access, supporting youth development, and creating transformative experiences for students who may otherwise have limited opportunities to explore beyond their immediate surroundings.

Together, we look forward to continuing that journey.

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