



Myaya Morton

Myaya will start her senior year at Jackson State University in Mississippi this fall. She was a 2021 Inaugural Apple Engineering and Innovation Scholar and 2019 Bridge to the Future Scholar. She has maintained Dean's List and President's List academic honors.

In addition to her academic awards, Myaya is President of her Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority chapter. She volunteered as a Social Media Manager for Bee Mentoring; a non-profit established with the purpose of providing Mentoring, Education Support and Christian-Based Guidance to teen girls and young adult. Myaya was also Campus Ambassador for Pearson Education Inc.

Myaya says in her personal essay, "Walking around my current place of employment, I can count on one hand how many women look like me – three...Out of three only one is an engineer. Why is that? Why aren't more Black people choosing to work here? The company so far seems extremely welcoming and prides themselves on inclusivity. Working in a smart office allows for an open atmosphere as well, so I remained puzzled...I have realized my purpose in STEM is not to create the first fully electric airplane or build a flying car. My purpose is to open doors for young Black children."

Myaya Morton is the recipient of the John Fitzpatrick Scholarship. She will receive \$5,000 for the 2022-2023 academic year and an additional \$5,000 for graduate school.