A wide-angle photograph of the Detroit skyline at sunset. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with scattered clouds. The water in the foreground is a deep blue. The skyline features several prominent skyscrapers, including the Spirit Tower and the Renaissance Center. The buildings are illuminated by the setting sun, creating a warm glow.

UFSC Detroit Chapter 2022  
Dr. Aubrey W. Lee, Sr. Scholarship Awards  
Virtual Program

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- **Words of Wisdom** - Ditu Kasuri





Ketra is a regulatory, compliance, and risk management professional with over twenty years of experience in bank operations, compliance, and auditing. Ketra has a Bachelor of Science in Corporate Finance from Wayne State University and MBA from University of Phoenix. Ketra is a Certified Regulatory Compliance Manager from the American Bankers Association. Currently, she works as a Risk Principal with Discover Financial. Ketra is the Co-Chairman for Target 3 Building Your Economic Legacy and Financial Secretary for the Omega Epsilon Omega of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Also, Ketra is a Trustee, and on the finance committee at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit, MI. Recently, she was appointed to the Wayne County Ethics Board of Michigan with her term expiring in 2024. Ketra enjoys spending time with her family, traveling and teaching various topics on financial literacy. Currently Ketra is the Director of UFSC Detroit Chapter and has been a member since 2000 and has served on various leadership roles.

## **Ketra Lewis, Director**

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Patrece started her IT career working part-time in a local Kmart store while pursuing a bachelor's degree from Davenport University. There her Information Technology fundamentals were developed for over ten years. Shortly after graduating with a master's degree in Curriculum, Instruction, and Leadership from Oakland University in 1997, Patrece left Kmart and took a position at Chrysler Corporation. Her IT skills and management opportunities led to a successful career for over ten years.

In 2002, Patrece started Onyx Benefit Resources Insurance agency in 2002. During 2012, Patrece began managing the Compliance Office at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of MI. Her IT, health care, management and compliance background help reduce risk related with non conformance to federal and state mandates. She is an Adjunct Professor for Davenport University.

Patrece is active in her community and serves on several boards and organizations. Patrece has a loving husband and a daughter attending Grand Valley State University.

## **Patrece Hamblin, Technology**

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Selena Cade is a junior at Grand Valley State University. She is majoring in Information Systems with a minor in Business. At Grand Valley, she is a part of multiple organizations such as Black Excellence, Women in Computing, You Beautiful Black Women, and GVSU Impact Bible Study. She is the treasurer for Women in Computing and a peer mentor for Black Excellence. Along with her involvement in organizations, she works at the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Selena is a certified sailor outside of school and was the captain of her varsity swim team in high school. In her free time, she spends it with friends, family, and traveling. She has traveled to many states in the US and dreams of visiting Paris and Barcelona.

## **Selena Cade, Scholarship Administrator**

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1974

- The National Association of Urban Bankers (NAUB) was established in New York City. Robert J. Samuels, inaugural president, along with Nathaniel Harris, Charles Stewart and other minority pioneers in banking, founded the national organization by bringing together five local unaffiliated minority banking chapters located in Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Little Rock and New York. However, Dr. Aubrey W. Lee was instrumental in starting the Detroit Chapter in the 60's.

1997

- The organization expanded its membership base into Canada, growing the reach into an international location and coverage to international finance issues.

2000

- In May 2000, the organization expanded once again to encompass the entire financial services industry and changed its name to Urban Financial Services Coalition (UFSC) to reflect its industry-wide focus.

# **UFSC National Organization Timeline**

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## **Our Mission**

The mission UFSC Detroit is "To be the pre-eminent financial services organization that provides professional development programs, supports educational advancement and promotes economic empowerment for its members and minority communities at large".

# **UFSC Detroit Chapter: Our Mission**

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## Scholarship Committee Focus

- In 2020, the Detroit Chapter refocused the organization's mission statement to support educational advancement, and a small scholarship committee was formed to execute this plan.
- In 2021 the scholarship committee decided to start a scholarship to honor the late Dr. Aubrey W. Lee, Sr legacy of educating, informing, and providing opportunities to the next generation. Dr. Lee paved the way for himself and so many others who were able to stand on his back as current leaders in banking.
- In 2022, the scholarship committee executed Dr. Aubrey W. Lee, Sr. scholarship, received ten applications, awarded five scholarships totaling over \$8,000, and received a generous donation from Dr. William Pickard.

## Scholarship Timeline

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## Requirements - Award Amount \$ 750 - \$2,500

- Must be going into your Junior or Senior year of college
- Must be majoring in Finance and/or Business related discipline
- Minority

Deadline: April 30, 2022

# Scholarship Requirements

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Dr. Aubrey Lee Family

**Words from the Family**

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## Awardee Austin G. Raymond

- Towson University, Honor College
- B.S. Mathematics, Concentration in Actuarial Science & Risk Management
- Arch Insurance, Actuarial Intern
- International Association of Black Actuaries (LABA)
- Bannaeker Theorem Project

**Amount Awarded: \$2500**



Quote: “ It is also worthwhile for African-Americans to read books on finance and investing written by black authors. More often than not, black authors and readers share a similar socio-economic and cultural experience. That shared, unique connection could speak to African-American readers in ways that an author from a different background could not. Think and Grow Rich: A Black Choice by Napoleon Hill and Black Girl Finance: Let’s Talk Money by Selina Flavius are two titles that help to equip African-Americans with the tools they need to meet their financial goals

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## Awardee Keith Shows

- Michigan State University
- B.A Hospitality Business, Eli Broad College of Business
- Co-Founder/Owner – Dangerous World Apparel/KMKS Apparel
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) Fraternity

**Amount Awarded: \$2500**



Quote: “In conclusion, if asked ‘Which would you rather be rich or wealthy?’ I would choose wealthy every day of the year. As I continue to get older I realize more often that at the end of the day my goal is to help set my family up for generations and that motivation comes from my parents pushing these different ideas and principles into my head since I was a young kid. I do believe that it is very obtainable to become wealthy as long as you focus and put your mind to it. I have been continuing to learn how to prioritize what is important and to block out what is not needed to help me reach my goals.”

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## Awardee Sonjai Taylor

- Business-Preference/Finance Major
- Attends Michigan State University
- B.S. Finance
- Women in Business
- Forgotten Harvest Volunteer
- Black Girl Fitness participant

**Amount Awarded: \$2000**



Quote: “Budgeting is not just crafting up a plan for the money you plan to spend on a trip or food for the week, it is one of the most fundamental steps to becoming financially free and literate. When you create a budget you are in full control of your money and understand how to reach your financial goals”

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Awardee Trinity Lawrence-Williams

- Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
- 2022 Goldman Sach Market Madness: HBCU Possibilities Program

**Amount Awarded: \$750**



Quote: “Many minorities do not have a family or a foundation that teaches them simple skills such as writing a check, the importance of your credit, the essential need of a savings account, how to operate stocks and so on. I am a firm believer that there should be at least one life skills class in daily academic instruction. I think classes should start as early as 5th grade, being taught how to manage money is something that people of all races, age and demographic should be taught. Knowing how to manage and control your money is the first and most essential step in being successful.”

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Book Awardee: Nickulas  
Feimster

- Michigan State University
- Investment Banking  
Analyst Summer  
Internship
- Michigan State Evan  
Scholar

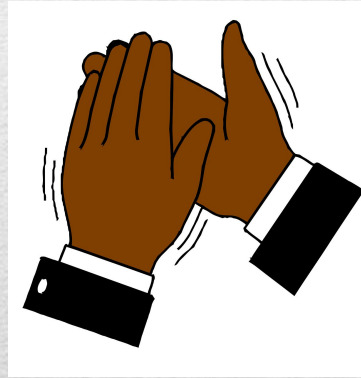
**Amount Awarded: \$750**



Quote: “There is so much power in knowledge. The way technology and the internet has evolved with social media, it has given us the ability to have that power right at our fingertips. I do not have wealth, but I understand that building it takes time and it comes from continued efforts and good habits. The hunger for knowledge, and pursuing that knowledge, will drive and properly impact our community”

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# Congratulations to the Scholarship Awardees



## **Words of Wisdom**


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## Words of Wisdom from Ditu Kasuyi

Ditu Kasuyi is the President and CEO of Kasuyi and Associates, LLC, an executive coaching firm in Richmond, VA. The company educates, motivates, and empowers professionals to develop their unique aptitudes for influence. Born in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, his mother's inspirational immigration journey motivated him to dedicate his life to empowering others. He holds multiple certifications (John C. Maxwell, Franklin Covey Coaching, Prosci Change Management), along with an MBA from Averett University and BSBA from Saint Paul's College. When not engaged with clients or enriching his spirit, he spends time with his wife, Melanie Lee, and their son, Ditu II.





Special thanks to our UFSC  
Supporters, the Dr. Aubrey  
Lee's Family, Dr. Pickard,  
family and friends!

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