

AJF Scholarship & Achievement Foundation, Inc.

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On July 1, 2017, the AJF Scholarship & Achievement Foundation, Inc. awarded scholarships for \$1,100.00 each to four distinguished finalists. Below, we present a profile of each recipient. The profiles show not only the caliber of applicants we attract, but more importantly, the types of individuals that receive your generous contributions. We hope you believe that you have invested well and will consider making additional contributions in the future.

About the Scholarship Recipients

Chase Collado is pursuing a degree in Cyber Security at St. John's University, (Queens, NY) where he has a 4.0 GPA. Each summer since 2014, he has served as a public policy intern with the County Executive's Office in Prince George's County, MD. His interest in community service and development includes serving as a volunteer for the *Stop the Violence March*, hosting a pet adoption fair for an animal shelter, and participating in the media ministry at Greater Mt. Nebo AME Church (Bowie, MD). Chase was a Community Service and Outreach Leader for the Prince George's County chapter of the National Honor Society in 2015. His primary interest is training individuals of all age groups and populations on emergency preparedness skills. Chase has spoken to community groups on the subject, provided preparedness tips to local viewers on DC's *Fox 5 News* ahead of an anticipated regional storm, and developed an Emergency Preparedness program for middle school STEM students.

Amber Felder recently graduated from Jack Yates High School in Houston, TX with a

3.89 GPA. She will be attending Prairie View A&M University (Prairie View, TX) in the fall of 2017. Amber was the President of her high school Student Council, Treasurer of Houston's chapter of the National Honor Society, and an Intern with the *HTV-Houston* television station. This 4-year Varsity Volleyball letter recipient helped win the 2013-2014 District 20-A High School Volleyball Championship and served as Team Captain during her senior year. As an active member of New Faith Church (Houston, TX), Amber supports her community by volunteering in the Feeding the Homeless Ministry, the Legend Oaks Healthcare and Rehabilitation Ministry, the Sister Network Breast Cancer Walk, and National Honor Society Blood Drives. One of her strongest interests is in helping to alleviate poverty in the U.S. and around the world. Amber also mentors other young people who, like herself, are eager to learn.

Alexandria Ligon attends St. John's University (Queens, NY) and majors in Health and Human Services; her GPA is 3.94. She is an advocate for the provision of affordable healthcare and preventive health care education. A creative and innovative person, Alexandria started her own blog and health-based business entitled *Peacefeel.org*, with a mission to inspire a lifestyle of health and wellness and improve the quality of life for others through wellness. She volunteers with the Eden Christian Fellowship Group, where she is Chair, planning worship services and fellowship events and constructing art exhibits for Sunday worship services. For two years, Alexandria was a Summer Intern with a financial services firm. As a certified peer educator at SJU, she educates students about health and wellness by organizing and marketing wellness related events for the student body. Her other activities include dancing with a praise dance group and promoting diversity awareness and cultural proficiency in the delivery of health care services.

Dominique Ligon is a scholar and an athlete who wants to make a positive impact on our society by devoting his life's work to social justice. He majors in Criminal Justice at Bowie State University (Bowie, MD) and has a 3.5 GPA. He has a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and is an instructor of the martial art, along with playing soccer, basketball, and running track. Dominique is an active, dedicated member of his community serving with the SHARE Food Network and So Others May Eat (SOME) food distribution programs. He has participated in the annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk and facilitated programs on environmental issues concerning water, air, and soil quality for Prince George's County, MD. Part of his dedication to social justice issues includes supporting the Black Lives Matter organization in its efforts to eliminate racial profiling, police brutality, and the high number of unarmed black males killed by law enforcement officers.

AJF Scholarship & Achievement Foundation, Inc.
Schedule of Annual Events

February 1 – March 15 Advisory Report/General Information

Discussions on: Wills, Financial Planning, Power of Attorney, and Estate Planning

April 1 – June 30 Current Year Scholarship Funding Campaign

August 15 – Oct. 31 Scholarship Recipients Announced

**Nov. 15- Dec. 31 Year End Financial Planning/Reducing your Income Tax
Liability**

**Plan to help a
deserving student
attend college
without the fear of
having to repay
student loans.**

***"Give freely to the world these gifts of love and compassion.
Do not concern yourself with how much you receive in return,
just know in your heart it will be returned."***

Steve Maraboli

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