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Education is the most powerful
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- Each donation is tax deductible and will be used to provide scholarships to college and career/professional school students.
- Your gift will help build our community's future! Like you, the AJF Scholarship & Achievement Foundation Inc. understands the importance of education in developing outstanding professionals and future community leaders.
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A Son's Reflections

Look How Far We've Come!



It's been said that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Well, on June 27, 2016, my father Armond J. Farrar created the AJF Scholarship & Achievement Foundation, Inc. ("AJF Foundation"), a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, to enhance educational opportunities for deserving post-secondary students. And with that single step, a magnificent journey that has been, and continues to be, a blessing to many people began!

In 7 quick years, the AJF Foundation has come a long way from that first step in 2016. The chart below shows how the foundation has awarded a total of \$111,900 in scholarship funds to many students since its inception. I hope you will partner with my father and the AJF Foundation as we continue on this wonderful journey!

Academic Year	Scholarship Money Awarded	Running Total
2016-2017	\$4,400	\$4,400
Recipients	4	
2017-2018	\$9,000	\$13,400
Recipients	9	
2018-2019	\$9,500	\$22,900
Recipients	19	
2019-2020	\$9,500	\$32,400
Recipients	17	
2020-2021	\$32,500	\$64,900
Recipients	47	
2021-2022	\$19,500	\$84,400
Recipients	39	
2022-2023	\$27,500	\$111,900
Recipients	35	

Sincerely,

Anthony T. Farrar
Secretary

"When you learn, teach. When you get, give." ~Maya Angelou

Meet the Founder...

Armond J. Farrar was born on September 8, 1941 in the District of Columbia. As the child of a successful businessman, he began work in his father's businesses at the age of eight, so business has always been in his blood. After graduating from high school in 1959, Armond received a football scholarship to Albany State College in Georgia. During his time there, he helped the 1960 football team accomplish an undefeated, un-scored upon season, a record that still stands today. At the same time, he finished second in his academic class. The beginning of desegregation riots in the town of Albany, GA kept him from returning to finish his degree. At home, he enrolled part-time in DC Teacher's College and began working at the post office.

In 1962, Armond met and married Hazel, the love of his life, and shortly thereafter he founded Farrar & Associates in the basement of his home. Always thinking ahead, Armond soon added a construction company called Kingdom Builders to generate the extra income that he knew he would need to support a wife and children. A son was born to the couple in 1963 and a daughter was born in 1965. All the while, Armond kept Farrar & Associates and Kingdom Builders "on the grow" while working full-time at the post office.

In the early years, Farrar & Associates specialized in income tax preparation and bookkeeping. Initially, Armond completed taxes for close friends for supplemental income. As word spread about the quality of his work, the business began to grow. Always the visionary, Armond added accounting and insurance services to the company in 1975. He maintained his job at the post office until 1979 when Farrar & Associates became his full-time job. The office moved out of his basement in 1989 and later moved into its current offices in 1994. Farrar & Associates has evolved tremendously from its humble beginnings. Fifty-three years later, the business has clients from all over the United States, a testament to the high standards set by the company's founder back in 1963. Over the years, Armond observed that student loans had become a serious topic of discussion for families. Student loan debt had escalated to problematic levels. He witnessed firsthand the financial struggles that many of his clients and other families experienced trying to educate their children beyond high school. As an increasingly successful businessman, Armond also saw his tax burden grow and wondered how he could reduce it. In early 2016, the answer came to him – use some of his profits to start a scholarship fund for financially strapped high achieving post-secondary students, instead of giving it to Uncle Sam!

There it was – a great way to do something positive for others while reducing his tax liability at the same time. Thus, the AJF Scholarship and Achievement Foundation Inc. was born. As he worked on launching the nonprofit foundation, Armond felt the personal satisfaction of knowing that deserving students would prosper from his gifts. He also wanted to share the excitement of helping with others, so he contacted family, friends, and clients asking for contributions to the AJF Scholarship and Achievement Foundation, Inc. To date, many people have responded by investing in the future of students who excel in academics and community service, but need a financial boost to begin or complete a college or professional education.

Meet the Graduates...



Nile Blass-Nile Blass graduated from Georgetown University with a B.A. in Government, and a double minor in African American Studies and Sociology. During her time on campus, Nile worked to advance social equity through political advocacy, both institutionally and through grassroots organizing. As an organizer with Hoyas for Slavery Accountability (HASA), she helped coordinate reparations for the descendants of Georgetown's enslaved population. Nile also became the first Black woman in history to be elected Georgetown University's Student Body President, leading her student constituents throughout the pandemic. Nile currently works as a political strategist for the League of Women Voters (LWVUS) and will be attending American University's School of Law next fall.



Alexandria Duruji-Alexandria currently serves as a Senior UX Researcher/Designer at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School where she works on user research and design for Health PlaNET, the organization's clinical app that care managers use to navigate patient care, including identifying social determinants of health, staying up to date on care tasks, etc. She is also pursuing her masters in Product Management at the University of Maryland, where she is expected to complete the program in November 2023. She is pursuing a Certification in Public Health in order to be a credible resource in the Health Innovation space. Alexandria is passionate about eliminating health disparities and increasing health equity in our nation. Alex enjoys serving at her church and serving as needed for her husband's work in sports ministry.

Meet the Graduates...



Jada Graham-Jada Graham is a stellar scholar with a proven ability to excel in various academic subjects. Completing her second year of dental school at the University of North Carolina Adams School of Dentistry, she is one step closer to obtaining her doctorate. During the 2022-2023 school year, she served as a regional coordinator nationally for the student national dental association and the recruitment co-chair for her local SNDA chapter. Jada has a track record of giving back to her community, as she launched a cavity-free initiative at the Boys and Girls club in Durham.



Rachel Latney-Rachel Latney is currently pursuing her graduate studies at Arizona State University, where she has truly thrived. In her first year of graduate school, Rachel achieved an exceptional 3.94 GPA, marking her commitment to academic excellence. During this time, Rachel has been an active and prominent member of her university's community. Beyond her academic pursuits, Rachel dedicated her time and skills to make a profound impact on both her fellow students and the wider community. She volunteered for the Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels, working contentedly to support children affected by cancer. She has also selflessly shared her knowledge and skills in public speaking, assisting over 200 college and high school students in enhancing their abilities. Rachel's plan for the future is to continue and finish her last year in her graduate program.



Cayman Pearsall- Cayman Pearsall is a dedicated student who is determined to be successful in all of her endeavors. She recently graduated from Northeast Ohio Medical University with a Masters in Foundations of Medicine and will continue her education there for the next 4 years as she pursues her Doctor of Medicine degree. Throughout her educational journey, Cayman also continues to volunteer at her community hospital as well as mentors incoming students to help guide them throughout the Master's program.

Continuing Undergrads...



Amira Barrett-Amira Barrett is a one-of-a-kind student. Now entering her third year at Spelman College, she is majoring in documentary filmmaking. Amira recently returned from Ghana, West Africa after four months of studying abroad. She created four films in Ghana and had them screened at the New York University Accra International film festival. Amira has also been accepted into the competitive Young Explorers Program. She will have an all-expense paid trip to Norway and France aboard a ship called the OceanXplorer in August 2023. She will be doing film-related research and storytelling about the ocean. Amira is looking forward to being on the e-board of the Morehouse Film Association and Afro-Latinidad group at the Atlanta University Center. She is ready and willing to make an impact wherever she goes with the Lord always by her side. Go Amira!



Inaya Champion-Inaya Champion is entering her senior year as a Psychology major, Criminology minor at Howard University. Born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, Inaya is an altruistic, compassionate, and proactive leader who is pursuing a career in Clinical and Forensic Psychology. She seeks to operate her own private practice to provide psychological support to underserved communities. With a passion for studying behavior and improving mental wellbeing, she aspires to act as an advocate for the mental health of those in the criminal justice system. As an Undergraduate Research Assistant with the Early Childhood Innovation Network (ECIN) at Georgetown University, she works to provide tools to manage compassion fatigue, promote self-care practices, and improve wellbeing for early childhood educators in the DMV area. During the 2022-2023 academic year, Inaya was a trainee as a part of the MCH-LEARN internship, a research experience in Maternal Child Health at the Kennedy Krieger Institute, in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University and The Centers for Disease Control. During this time, Inaya presented her research at the 2023 Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) Meeting in April, for which she was presented the PAS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Young Investigator Award. Inaya has been working to publish her research this upcoming fall. Additionally, she acts as Treasurer of the Psychology Club at Howard University and is a proud member of the Bison Hip-Hop Dance Collective. Following her graduation in the spring, Inaya looks forward to beginning her journey through graduate school.

Continuing Undergrads...



Jordan Frazier- Jordan E. Frazier is a Richard A. Henson honors student and a member of the Dean's List at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) who was inducted into the Nation's oldest and most prestigious honor society, Phi Kappa Phi, for his academic achievements. He has maintained a cumulative 3.655 GPA while holding several leadership roles at UMES. Jordan is the President of the UMES Chapter of Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANNRS) and the President of the UMES Zeta Nu Chapter of IOTA Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated. Jordan has represented UMES at national conferences and events to promote diversity in agriculture and community engagement. During his summer break, Jordan is interning with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the Food Nutrition Services (FNS) department working in the human resources division.



Lacey Freeman- Lacey Freeman is a diligent, studious student. She just finished her freshman year at the University of Michigan. During the 2022-2023 school year, Lacey was involved with many community service projects such as contributing to the fundraising efforts for The Women's Center of Southeastern Michigan. With recently declaring a biomedical engineering major, Lacey hopes to gain research experience during the upcoming school year specifically focused on cancer research.



Raeven Latney- Raeven Latney regularly allocates her time to assist the elderly, mentor the youth, and actively seek opportunities to engage with and give back to her community. In addition to her community involvement, she has also excelled academically during the 2022-2023 school year, maintaining a 3.0 GPA in Virginia Commonwealth University's rigorous Mechanical Engineering program. In addition to this, she is an active member of her university's National Society of Black Engineers, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, and Society of Women Engineers chapters.

Continuing Undergrads...



Mya Joy Lee-Mya Lee has continued to be a well-rounded individual, not limiting her avenues of passion and success in college. As a freshman at Elon University, she finished with a 3.8 GPA. During the 2022-2023 school year she traveled to Greece to compete for track and field, performed with Melanated Melodies Acapella group and joined Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She was also nominated to serve as the the social media reporter and Vice President of the sorority for the upcoming school year. In addition, she was selected to be a mentor for incoming freshman in the Odyssey program this summer.



Edward Washington III-Edward Washington III is a Finance major from Chicago who looks forward to obtaining a JD/MBA and excelling in his future career. As a freshman at MIT, he finished the 2022-2023 school year with a perfect GPA. During that time, he participated on the men's varsity basketball team and also served as a member of various organizations such as the Black Student Union and the National Society for Black Engineers. Additionally, he worked at a men's shelter throughout the school year where he enjoyed supporting Cambridge's overlooked homeless community. He is currently a full-time intern at a venture capital firm for the Summer of 2023, and over the next few years of school, he is excited about finding his field of choice within finance while gaining valuable experience and advice along the way.

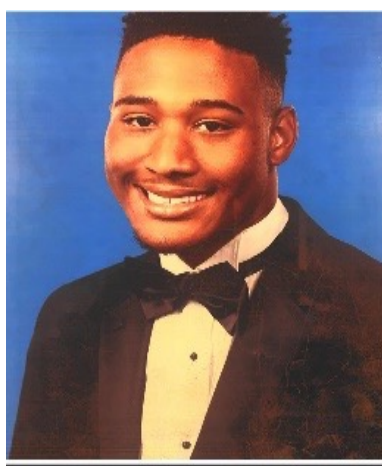


McKenzie Washington-McKenzie Washington is a hardworking and motivated student athlete at Washington University in Saint Louis. She completed her sophomore year with a 3.5 GPA, making the Dean's List for each semester of the 2022-2023 school year. In the past year, she served as a mentor to young kids with disabilities by being a coach in "Bear Cubs Running Club" every week, and also served as a tutor for the CHAMPs medical mentor program, helping high schoolers with their STEM classes through Zoom. In addition to these accomplishments and extracurriculars, she was able to contribute to her volleyball team, who made the NCAA National Tournament and had a record of 30-6 for the season. This summer, she is continuing her academic success by taking a summer class to get ahead of the curve.

New Awardees...



Vanessa Everheart-My name is Vanessa Everheart and I am determined, hard-working, and ambitious. I enjoy helping others and giving back to my community. I will be attending Oglethorpe University this fall. In high school, I was part of The Sandwich Project Club where we made sandwiches for homeless individuals and families in need every week. During the Christmas holidays, I volunteer with HOSEA distributing fresh groceries and Christmas toys to families in need. I took several dual enrollment classes my senior year in high school and graduated with a 3.4 GPA. I am proud to have received honor roll and principal's list awards and look forward to finding new ways to serve my community as a college student.



Kyler Garrick-Kyler Garrick is a stellar scholar with a proven ability to excel in various academic subjects. As a recent graduate of North Atlanta High School, he earned a 3.71 cumulative Grade Point Average. During the 2022-2023 school year, he served as a section leader of both the Jazz Band, Marching Band, and Wind Ensemble. Kyler has a track record of giving back to his community, as he served at Hosea Feed The Hungry earlier this year. Giving is something that he cherishes and his altruistic spirit and nature are evident in his character. The smiles on the children's faces as they received their toys for Christmas warmed his heart. As families received the meals, he was happy to contribute to such a worthy cause. To Kyler, family and community are very important! He believes that giving is more important than receiving. He also mentors younger kids and gives advice, while also having a podcast talking about Mental Health, Black excellence, and more. Kyler will major in Computer Science as a future Engineer at North Carolina A&T State University. Kyler will continue to serve as a Trumpeter with the Aggie's Marching Band where he will continue to work diligently as he matriculates to graduation from North Carolina A&T with his passion for music in his heart!

New Awardees...



Timea Harley- Timea Harley is a proven and dedicated scholar as exhibited through her achievement of obtaining her High School Diploma two days prior to obtaining her Associate's Degree while maintaining honor roll status. Timea finished her freshman year at McDaniel College with a 3.47 GPA. She was on the Dean's List her first semester, served as an accounting tutor to several of her classmates, and volunteered her time with the local Boys and Girls Club. She is excited to begin her sophomore year in the fall at McDaniel. She continues as a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. Timea gives back to her community by participating in litter removal efforts and donates her time to beautify her surrounding neighborhood. Throughout the summer, Timea is working at a retail store to earn and save money for upcoming college expenses, as well as spending time with family and friends.



Blair Moore-Blair Moore, a rising college freshman soon attending Spelman College, has flourished academically, in leadership, mentorship, community service, and in her care for others. After taking rigorous courses, including AP and Honor level classes, Blair graduated from high school with a GPA of 3.86. This past academic year, she was recognized by the CSF for her academic excellence and received a social justice award and a dance class award for her impactful presence in and outside of class. This summer, Blair is interning for a venture capital fund. She is also developing her senior project into a business. Additionally, Blair plans on tutoring young students, babysitting, and handing out care packages to those in need. Blair is looking forward to attending Spelman College, where she will finally be in an environment that is supportive of and uplifts Black women. Blair plans on majoring in business/economics, with a minor in dance to help fulfill her goal of opening a dance company. Blair aspires to be an even more impactful leader and advocate for social justice and peace. Through all Blair does, she wishes to uplift the lives she encounters.

New Awardees...



Elle Pearsall-Elle is a recent graduate from the International Baccalaureate Program at Meade High School. She graduated magna cum laude in the top 5 percent of her class with a GPA of 4.29. While at Meade High School, she participated in many activities. She was a member of the National Honor Society (served as treasurer), Spanish Honor Society, student council (served as treasurer), prom committee, yearbook committee, varsity track and field and varsity soccer. She also served as an aid to the Athletic Director and on the student athlete advisory council. While not in school, she volunteers at the Food Bank of MD and Meal on Wheels of MD. In the past, she has helped build desks for Ukrainian refugees and cooked and helped serve food to the homeless under the “Warm Nights Program”. Elle is also a Sunday school teacher at her church. In the fall, Elle will be attending Youngstown State University where she will be studying Psychology and running track. She hopes to eventually attain a PhD in Clinical Psychology to better the mental health of youth and young adults.



Bernardo Little Jr.- Bernardo Little Jr., better known as BJ, is an ambitious scholar who seeks to inspire a positive change in the world. BJ served as President of his high school’s Student Government. He also started the first ever golf team at Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School. As Captain of the golf team, BJ took his team to the Georgia State Golf Championship and finished T-18. Outside of school, BJ volunteers as a mentor to the youth by teaching them life skills through the game of golf. He is also a caddie at East Lake Golf Club. He did all this while maintaining a 4.1 GPA. BJ intends to study Political Science as a Freshman at the prestigious Georgetown University. After his collegiate matriculation he intends to become an attorney, with aspirations of helping to improve our criminal justice system. He also intends to become a politician, with the hopes of becoming President of the United States.



Lauren Richards-Lauren Richards is an outstanding student who has achieved notably throughout her tenure at Richard Montgomery High School (RMHS) in Rockville, MD. She graduated from high school with a 3.80 GPA and will be attending the University of Maryland – College Park in the Fall of 2023. Lauren is a proven leader who was elected by her high school peers to the position of Co-President of the RMHS History Club where she engaged with students to promote and demystify the study of history through projects designed to pique their intellectual curiosity. Outside of the classroom, Lauren has focused on giving back to her community. In the most recent national election, she served as an election judge for the Maryland State Board of Elections where her charge was to ensure the fair and lawful administration of the electoral process. She steadfastly believes that one of the best ways to make a positive impact on society is to participate in the democratic process.

New Awardees...



Nonie Shuford-Nonie Shuford is a dedicated and driven individual who is known for her academic excellence and willingness to give back to the communities around her. As a rising sophomore at Spelman College, she finished her freshman year with a 3.8 GPA and was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. Nonie is majoring in biology on the pre-Med track with a minor in management and organization. During her freshman year, Nonie volunteered weekly with the Atlanta Community Food Bank to serve families facing food insecurity. She is passionate about addressing disparities in black communities and is pursuing a career in forensic sciences. Her goal is to assert herself in a predominantly white, male dominated field to provide a new level of comfort and trust for minorities and to protect and maintain the integrity of medical science while providing adequate closure for grieving families.



Kai Wilson-As an avid extrovert, Kai Wilson has dreamed of becoming a nurse ever since she was eight years old. Her love for helping people started at a young age, having grown up in a huge, sickly family which consisted of five aunts, four uncles, and nearly forty cousins. When she was twelve years old, she was unfortunately diagnosed with epilepsy. It was a very difficult and stressful diagnosis to live with. However, she was able to persevere. After constantly being in hospitals for the past several years, she became determined to become a Neonatal Nurse that would treat and nurture premature babies that have various medical odds stacked against them. Kai attended Kenwood Academy High School, where she graduated with a GPA of 4.81. During her time in high school, she was active in various activities inside and outside of her high school community. She was active in many mentoring programs, a part of Northwestern Discovery Medicine program, where she had access to endless STEM career exploration opportunities, and she was also a participant of Northwestern Academy for CPS, which is a multiyear college access and enrichment program for academically motivated students. Additionally, she took courses at her local community college (Harold Washington) which allowed her to get a head start on her college work. She is currently participating in an eight-week internship with the Transitional Care Clinic that is partnered with Northwestern Hospital in Chicago. In August, Kai will be heading down to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to attend The Louisiana State University to finally pursue her dream of becoming a nurse. Kai has an extensive volunteering list which has given her significant patient handling abilities and the skills needed to effectively communicate and treat every patient she will encounter. She has interned at Rush University Medical Center and the prestigious University of Chicago. She is also a local blood donor in her community (Auburn Gresham), has mentored incoming high school freshmen for two years, and is a former student ambassador volunteer at her high school. Overall, through Kai's strong and devoted personality she has dedicated her life to peoples' needs along with helping them overcome personal, social and behavioral problems that may negatively impact wellbeing and academic success.

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A Note from The Founder



Dear Previous AJF Scholarship Recipient,

I hope you are enjoying a well-deserved summer break and I wish you fresh energy for the next step on your educational journey.

I am writing to ensure that you are aware of the eligibility criteria for continuing to receive scholarship funds from the AJF Scholarship & Achievement Foundation. The results of a recent survey revealed the need for the following clarification.

First, as a previous AJF scholarship recipient, you do not have to submit a full scholarship application to be eligible to receive future scholarship funds from the Foundation. Instead, during the scholarship application period – i.e., March 15 through April 30 every year – you must simply submit to AJFScholarship@aol.com a copy of your most recent transcript that reflects your cumulative GPA, and a statement that describes your continuing community service (up to two paragraphs is recommended).

In addition, please note that your eligibility to continue to receive scholarship funds from the AJF Scholarship & Achievement Foundation does not end with your graduation from an undergraduate college or university. It continues through your pursuit of higher degrees, including a master's degree and doctorate degree.

I hope this makes it clear that the AJF Scholarship & Achievement Foundation desires to assist you financially with your educational pursuits to the highest levels and has made the process for continued eligibility easy. Please contact us at AJFScholarship@aol.com or (301) 341-7015 if you have any questions.

Best wishes for an outstanding academic year ahead!

Sincerely,

Armond J. Farrar, Founder and CEO

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