



# JOHN BENSON SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

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James A. Garfield High School, East Los Angeles, CA

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Dear JBSF Donor,

As President of the John Benson Scholarship Foundation, I would like to thank you for your generous support over the years and ask for your help during this difficult time.

The John Benson Scholarship Foundation would greatly appreciate your continued support of our mission. Mr. Benson gave Garfield High School and the community of East Los Angeles over 50 years of dedicated service. He taught at Garfield from 1965 until his retirement in 2004. His foundation formed upon his retirement with Mr. Benson leading his foundation until his passing in August 2015.

Unfortunately, due to current inflation and previous Covid shutdowns and long term recovery, its long-lasting effects, our tournament cost has gone up and our donations have gone down. Our tournament and donation drive were once a huge success in raising money for our graduating students. We ask for your support in our fundraising efforts. Your donation is a 100% scholarship. Your donation will be used strictly for scholarships, no overhead costs. Due to the pandemic and continued effects, the financial need for continuing education has grown dramatically. Many of our students have parents that work two to three jobs to make day-to-day meet. Many of our students go to bed hungry and on empty stomachs dream of an education that would change their lives. Our students depend on scholarships to further their education. Many of our students will not have the opportunity to attend college and further their education unless scholarships are provided. The ELA community has been hit extremely hard by the pandemic and continues to struggle with its long-lasting financial effects. Currently our students and their families have the opportunity for less work, food and resources. ELA is a community of giving back, helps when neighbors are in need and works hard to provide for their students. Many of our recipients have come back through the years to help raise money for the next graduating class and to donate themselves, paying it forward and grateful for the opportunity.

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Your contribution will provide scholarships to deserving, hardworking students that have maintained their grades under extremely difficult circumstances. All our recipients are volunteers in the community, verified at time of application while they maintain their grades in order to be accepted by local and out of state universities.

As we honor the late John Benson, we continue to raise scholarship funds for future Garfield High School Graduates furthering their education.

Sincerely,

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