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Information Packet

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OUR MISSION, GOALS & WHY SUPPORT THE BSAP

Our Mission

Provide financial assistance for college or training programs to graduating high school seniors and other adults who are very low-income and live in subsidized housing in Montgomery County, MD.



Our Goal

For 2019, BSAP's goal is to provide 65 scholarships and to increase the scholarship award amount from \$1000 to \$1,500 for each awardee. Beginning in 2020, our goal is to raise the award amount to \$2,000.

Why Support The Bernie Scholarship Program (BSAP)

The BSAP targets a subset of the population often overlooked. This population consists of people who are barely able to support themselves financially and unable to fund their own advancement, due to limited resources. Many of them have already overcome extreme adversity and face the risk of remaining stuck in a low-income status. The BSAP helps students pay for tuition, books, fees, computer equipment, transportation and child care, which for them are often barriers to success. Our goal is to enable awardees to pursue educational, vocational and career advancement by helping them achieve their personal goals. Another great reason to help, due to BSAP's low overhead, approximately 90% of your donation goes directly to students.



PROGRAM SUCCESS

Since inception in 1995, we have provided over 500 scholarships to very low-income Montgomery County residents. In 2018, the Bernie Scholarship Awards Program (BSAP) had the largest number of awardees in our 23-year history! We provided 63 Montgomery County, MD, residents with college scholarships that will help them to either begin or continue their educational journeys. Our awardees are so determined that 98% complete their degrees or are continuing their studies!

Best College Review

The Bernie Scholarship Awards Program was rated one of the top 15 Best Scholarships in Maryland in 2018. We were number two on the list!



Some of Our Success Stories

“Make a Difference” program documented the BSAP and one award recipient’s success. Watch the interview by clicking here: [Make a Difference](#)



Even though I had a rough start, that will not decide my future. And so I will be attending Bucknell University in the fall of 2018 with a full-tuition scholarship.

Bitseat Getaneh, 2018 Awardee

I was diligent enough to understand the value of excelling in my education. I’d like to someday be able to give back to the program and provide for students like me.

Melvin Cooper III, 2018 Awardee



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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Your donations will help us provide the necessary ingredient to support our deserving persistent students. Donations are 100% tax deductible. The Bernie Scholarship Awards Program is a component fund of the Greater Washington Community Foundation (GWCF) under its Montgomery County arm; GWCF is a 501(c)(3) organization.



Tax-Deductible Donations

Credit card: Please make online at Greater Washington Community Foundation.

Checks: Please make payable to Greater Washington Community Foundation - with memo note Bernie Fund. Mail checks to 1325 G St NW Suite 480, Washington, DC 20005.

Stocks & securities: Please contact Kevin Donnelly 301-495-3036 ext. 162

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Thank You

We are truly grateful for your assistance. Thank you for your help in pursuing our goal to increase both the number of awardees and the scholarship amount that we can give them.

DONORS

Join a team of people and businesses who care about our community. Former Board member Marilyn Joy Leeseberg says, “I enjoy volunteering for The Bernie because I admire the students who are working so hard to gain an education. I also feel that these students will go on to help others in ways that I can’t even imagine. I feel like I’m contributing to the greater community for years into the future by supporting scholars today.”



Donor Benefits (Donations of \$1000 or more)

\$10,000+ Platinum Donor

- 8 Named scholarships
- Name/Logo on BSAP website
- Name on award dinner invitation
- Donor benefits include these & more

\$5,000+ Gold Donor

- 4 Named scholarships
- Name/Logo BSAP our website
- Donor benefits include these & more

\$2,500+ Silver Donor

- 2 Named scholarship
- Name/Logo on BSAP website

\$1,000+ Bronze Donor

- Named scholarship

2018 Donors of \$1000 or more

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