

2023 BWLC Foundation SCHOLARS



BWLC Foundation History

The Black Women's Leadership Council Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to help make "Dreams Come True" one student at a time by awarding scholarships to young Black females. This scholarship provides financial support as the scholars pursue their academic passion in higher education and forge a path in the global community.

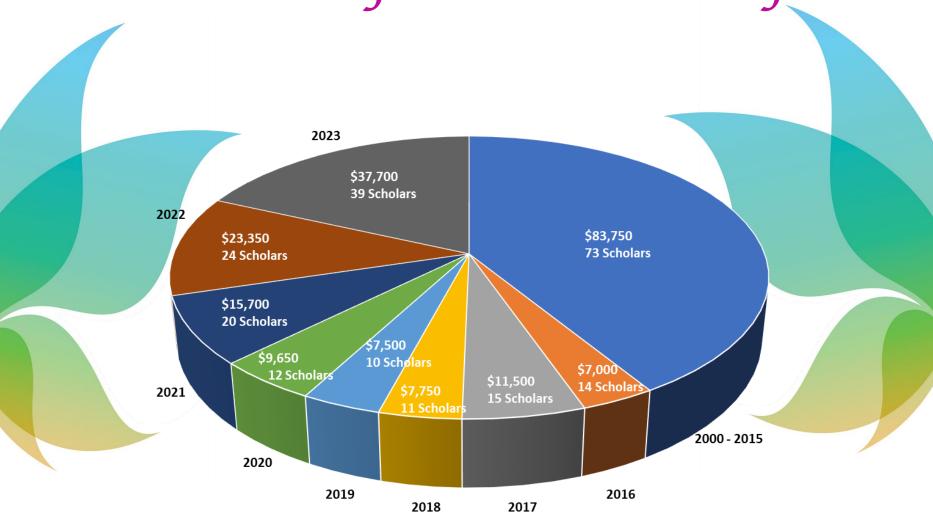
The Foundation was created by the Black Women's Leadership Council (BWLC) under the leadership of Sylvia Chambers and a dedicated group of female professionals from Xerox Corporation. Ms. Chambers was one of the first Black women that served as a Xerox Corporation Vice President.

Since its inception in 2000, the Foundation has awarded over \$203,700.00 to 218 deserving young women. Many of these scholars have pursued advanced degrees in various fields, including nursing, engineering, medicine, education, the performing arts, communications, and marketing.

2023 BWLC Foundation Award

- 39 Scholarships awarded
 - ➤ 28 2023 BWLC Foundation Scholars
 - ➤ 6 2021 / 2022 Sylvia Chambers Scholars
 - 5 2023 Sylvia Chambers Scholars

For a total of \$37,800.00 Awarded in 2023 – 2024 Academic School Year 2023 BWLC Foundation Scholarship Awards Summary



The BWLC Foundation has been hard at work since 2000, raising funds to support 218 African American females attending a college or university; having awarded \$203,700 in scholarships.

2023 BWLC Foundation Scholars



The BWLC Foundation has awarded \$37,700.00 to 39 Phenomenal Scholars

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our cherished supporters and corporate sponsors for their unwavering commitment and generous contributions, which has made this year truly extraordinary.



2023 BWLC Foundation Scholars

(One Year Award)



BWLC Foundation Annual Scholarship Criteria

All Scholars must be nominated by a BWLC Member and submit an essay and official transcript with their completed application.

Offered to applicants age 23 or younger

3.0 equivalent GPA or above

Scholarship Awards range from: \$500.00 - \$1,000.00

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Jennífer Akí

GPA: 3.97 - High School Senior

Our Lady of Mercy for Young Women (NY)

MAJOR: Industrial Labor Relations

COLLEGE: Cornell University (NY)

BWLC MENTOR: Seneica Sykes

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Sahkita Galloway

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BWLC Foundation Scholar

Indígo Ayele

GPA: 3.29 - College Junior MAJOR: Political Science

COLLEGE: Howard University (DC)

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BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Sahkita Galloway

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Sydney Beavers

GPA: 3.0 – College Junior

MAJOR: Civil Engineering

COLLEGE: University of Texas at Arlington (TX)

BWLC MENTOR: Sybil Faulcon

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Sahkita Galloway

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BWLC Foundation Scholar

Iala Cropper

GPA: 3.69 – High School Senior Pittsford Mendon High School (NY)

MAJOR: Psychology / Biology

COLLEGE: Howard University (DC)

BWLC MENTOR: Melanie Sullivan

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BWLC Foundation Scholar

Haley Earley

GPA: 3.67 - High School Senior North Gwinnett High School (GA)

MAJOR: Exercise Science

COLLEGE: : Spelman College (GA)
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BWLC Foundation MENTOR: BJ Davis

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BWLC Foundation Scholar

Anisa Flowers Thompson

GPA: 3.32 - High School Senior

Churchville-Chili High School (NY)

MAJOR: Business Administration

COLLEGE: North Carolina Central University (NC)

BWLC MENTOR: Linda White

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Sahkita Galloway

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BWLC Foundation Scholar

Justine Forbes

GPA: 3.67 - High School Senior

Commonwealth Charter Academy School (PA)

MAJOR: Applied Health Sciences: Pre-Physical Therapy

COLLEGE: Messiah University (PA)

BWLC MENTOR: Jennifer Allen

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: BJ Davis

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Sarayne Forbes

GPA: 3.40 - College Junior

MAJOR: American Studies MINOR: English

COLLEGE: Dickinson College (PA)
BWLC MENTOR: Kim Crutchfield

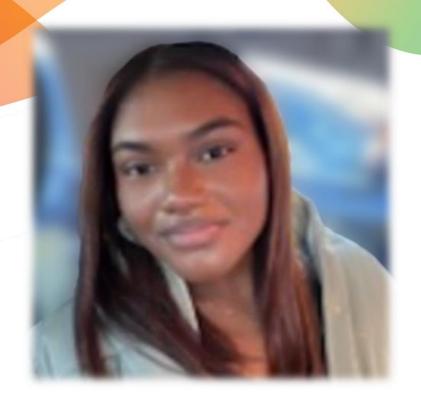
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BWLC Foundation Scholar

Jaziyah Fredrick

GPA: 3.225 - High School Senior Mountain View High School (GA)

MAJOR: Nursing

COLLEGE: Georgia State University (GA)

BWLC MENTOR: Victoria Lindsay

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Judith Solomon

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BWLC Foundation Scholar

Kortní Gardenhíre

GPA: 3.55 - College Sophomore

MAJOR: Nursing

COLLEGE ATTENDING: Albany State University (NY)

BWLC MENTOR: Lisa James

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BWLC Foundation Scholar

Amía Groomes

GPA: 3.08 - College Junior

MAJOR: ASL / Communications

COLLEGE: McDaniel College (MD)

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Masengesho Irasubiza

GPA: 3.28 – College Sophomore

MAJOR: Biology

COLLEGE: SUNY Brockport (NY) BWLC MENTOR: DaTwan Dixon

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Donna M. Jones

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BWLC Foundation Scholar

Kristal Jenkins

GPA: 3.71 - High School Senior Rochester Prep High School (NY)

MAJOR: Public Relations and Communications
COLLEGE: Rochester Institute and Technology (NY)

BWLC MENTOR: Ashley Slaughter

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Lakiya Jones

GPA: 3.74 – College Sophomore

MAJOR: Nursing

COLLEGE: North Carolina A&T State University (NC)

BWLC MENTOR: Floretta Lawson

BWLC Foundation Mentor: Patricia Williams

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Shelby Moorehead

GPA: 3.03 – College Sophomore

MAJOR: Neuroscience

COLLEGE: Xavier University of Louisiana (LA)

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BWLC Foundation Scholar

Taliah Santiago

GPA: 3.62 - High School Senior

Fairport High School (NY)

MAJOR: Nursing

COLLEGE: Monroe Community College (NY)

BWLC and BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Donna M. Jones

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Míya Scaggs

GPA: 3.70 - College Junior

MAJOR: Documentary Filmmaking

COLLEGE: Spelman College (GA)

BWLC MENTOR: Tyneca (Crum) Lewis

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Jeannie Slaughter

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Jazmine Saunders

GPA: 4.0

College Graduate Student

MAJOR: Masters of Music & Vocal Arts

COLLEGE: The Juliard School (NY)

BWLC MENTOR: Nyla Saunders

BWLC Foundation Mentor: Donna M. Jones

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BWLC Foundation Scholar

Kassidy Sayres

GPA: 3.59 – High School Senior Pittsford Sutherland High School (NY)

MAJOR: Theater / Acting

COLLEGE: University of North Texas (TX)

BWLC and BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Donna M. Jones

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BWLC Foundation Scholar

Kennedy Sayers

GPA: 3.78 – College Junior

MAJOR: Marketing

COLLEGE: Howard University (NY)

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De'More Shorter

GPA: 3.11 – High School Senior Howard W Blake High School (FL) MAJOR: Biomedical Engineering

COLLEGE: Alabama State University (AL)

BWLC MENTOR: Susan Poole

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Ayanna Smíth

GPA: 3.26 - College Senior

MAJOR: Graphics Media Science and Technology

COLLEGE: Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)

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BWLC Foundation Scholar

Lenique Taylor

GPA: 3.09 – College Sophomore

MAJOR: Dental Hygiene

COLLEGE: Monroe Community College (NY)

BWLC and BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Jeannie Slaughter

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Kendall Tyson

GPA: 3.00 – College Senior

MAJOR: Sociology and Social Work

COLLEGE: North Carolina A & T State University (NC)

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BWLC Foundation Scholar

Arianna Wellington

GPA: 3.15 - College Junior

MAOR: Physical Therapy

COLLEGE: University of Maryland College Park (MD)

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Amber Wilson

GPA: 3.29 - College Junior

MAJOR: Cell and Molecular Biology, Pre-Medicine

MINOR: Spanish

COLLEGE: Baylor University (TX)

BWLC and BWLC Foundation Mentor: Patricia Williams

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Autumn Wilson

GPA: 3.5 - High School Senior

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MAJOR: Biomedical Engineering

COLLEGE: Case Western Reserve University (OH)

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BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Donna M. Jones

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BWLC Foundation Scholar

Jocelyn Wynn

GPA: 3.787 – College Sophomore

MAJOR: Dance

COLLEGE: The Julliard School (NY) BWLC MENTOR: Judith Henderson

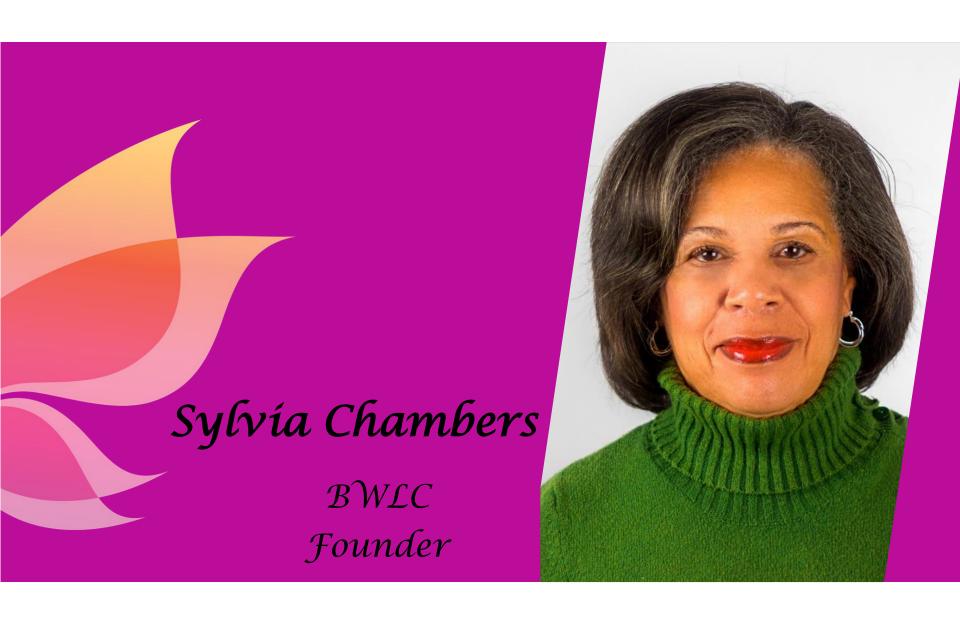
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2023 Sylvia Chambers Scholars

(Four Year Renewable Award)





Sylvia Chambers Scholarship Criteria

All Scholars must be nominated by a BWLC Member and submit an essay and official transcript with their completed application

Offered to Undergraduate Students
3.85 equivalent GPA or above

Scholarship Awards range from: \$1,000.00 - \$2,000.00

Awarded for up to 4 years (3.6 GPA required to retain yearly award)

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FaithAllen

GPA: 3.92 - College Junior

MAJOR: Biology on Pre-Medical Track

COLLEGE: Spelman College (GA)

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Madison Baker

GPA: 4.0 – High School Senior KIPP Columbus High School

MAJOR: Mechanical Engineering

COLLEGE: Alabama A&M (AL)
BWLC MENTOR: Sandra Ball

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Sylvia Chambers
Scholar

Jade Baptiste

GPA: 3.675 - College Junior

MAJOR: Psychology

COLLEGE: Oglethrope University (GA)

BWLC MENTOR: Cherone Johnson

BWLC Foundation Mentor: Patricia Williams

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Sylvia Chambers
Scholar

Kennedy Barnes

GPA: 3.84 - College Senior

MAJOR: Education

COLLEGE: Winston-Salem State University (NC)

BWLC MENTOR: Latoya Cole

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Patricia Williams

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Nyla Baxter

GPA: 3.97 – High School Senior

Arabia Mountain High School (GA)

MAJOR: Chemical Engineering

COLLEGE: North Carolina A&T State University (NC)

BWLC MENTOR: Diann Monroe Jones

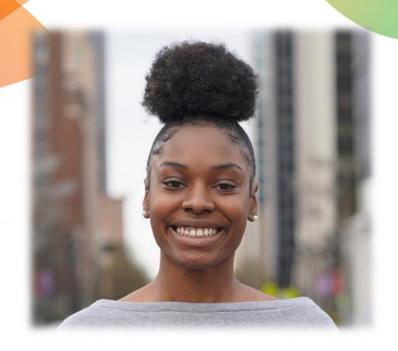
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Sylvia Chambers Scholar

Chloe Carter

GPA: 3.82 – College Sophomore

MAJOR: Marketing

COLLEGE: North Carolina A & T State University (NC)

BWLC MENTOR: Jazmyn McKoy

BWLC Foundation Mentor: Patricia Williams

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Akosua Essah

GPA: 3.86 – High School Senior Rush Henrietta High School (NY) MAJOR: Computer Science

COLLEGE: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MA)

BWLC MENTOR: Marissa Lee

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Jeannie Slaughter

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Arianna McKnight

GPA: 3.827 – College Sophomore

MAJOR: Cellular and Molecular Biology – Pre Med

COLLEGE: University of Chicago (IL)

BWLC MENTOR: Kenya Calvin

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Donna M. Jones

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Sylvia Chambers
Scholar

Josephine Noel

GPA: 3.97 – High School Senior Our Lady of Mercy for Young Women (NY)

MAJOR: English

COLLEGE: University of Buffalo (NY)
BWLC MENTOR: Sherry Mitchell

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Donna M. Jones

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Sylvia Chambers Scholar

Nala Walker

GPA: 4.0 - College Senior

FIELD OF STUDY: Psychology, Pre-Law

COLLEGE ATTENDING: Spelman College (GA)

BWLC MENTOR: Margaret Walker

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Sylvia Chambers
Scholar

Kyla Woodard

GPA: 3.75 - College Senior

MAJOR: Journalism

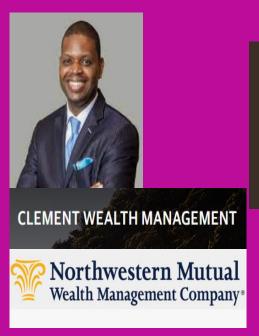
COLLEGE: University of Central Florida (FL)

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Just like President Barak Obama is standing in this rendition, we stand along side him on the shoulders of these great leaders (Nelson Mandela, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and Malcom X who are seated because they have transitioned.) who came before. The scholars we support will stand on our shoulders in the future.

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