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2025 BWLC Foundation SCHOLARS

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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 \$258,600.00 to 275 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.

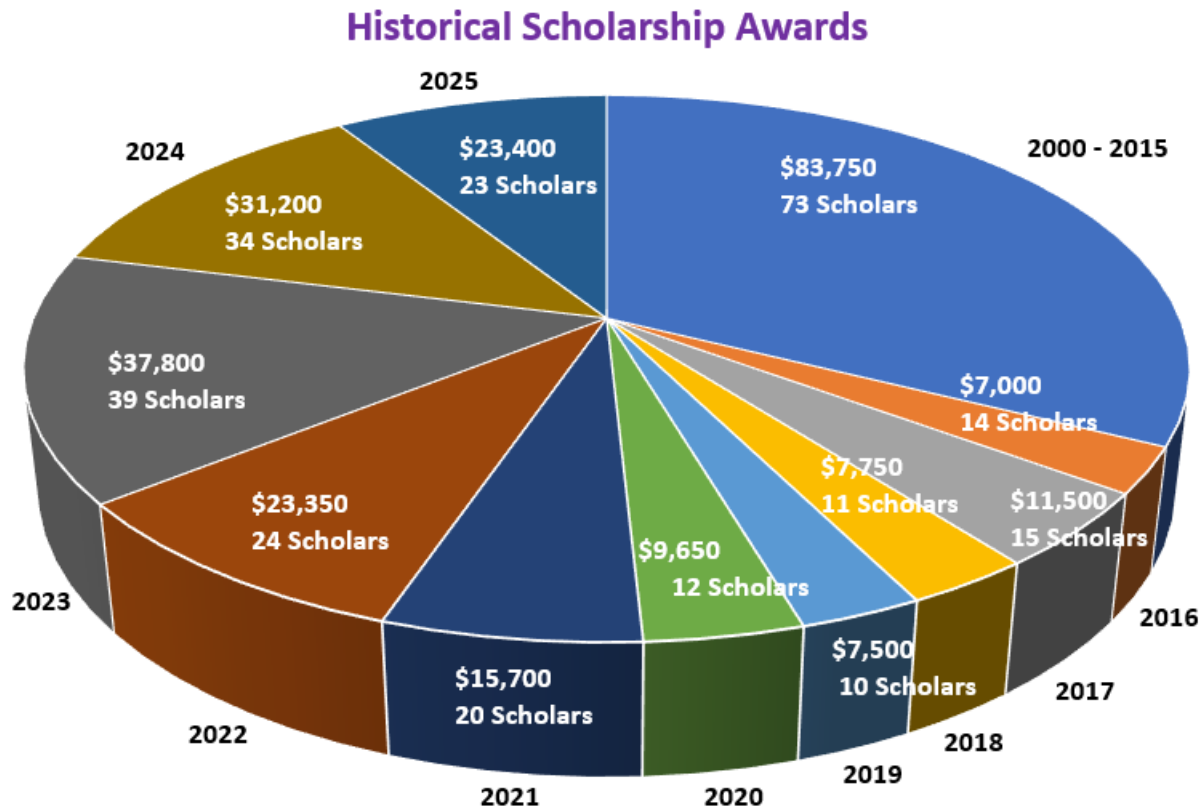


2025 BWLC Foundation Award

- 23 Scholarships awarded
 - 14 2024 BWLC Foundation Scholars
 - 7 Previous Sylvia Chambers Scholars
 - 2 2025 Sylvia Chambers Scholars

For a total of \$23,400.00 Awarded in 2025 – 2026
Academic School Year

2025 BWLC Foundation Scholarship Awards Summary



The BWLC Foundation has been hard at work since 2000, raising funds to support **275** African American females attending a college or university; having awarded **\$258,600** in scholarships.

2025-2026

The BWLC Foundation Scholars



The BWLC Foundation has awarded **\$23.4K** to 23 outstanding scholars.

We are deeply grateful to our dedicated supporters and corporate sponsors for their incredible generosity and enduring support. Your commitment has played a vital role in driving our success this year, enabling meaningful progress and lasting impact in everything we've accomplished.



2025
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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**BWLC Foundation
Scholar**

Faith Allen

GPA: 3.85 - College Junior

MAJOR: Medicine

COLLEGE: University of Rochester School of Medicine (NY)

BWLC MENTOR: Deborah V. Hall

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Donna M. Jones

\$1000.00 SCHOLARSHIP

SPONSOR: Francis Clement Wealth Management

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**BWLC Foundation
Scholar**

Gabrielle Byfield

GPA: 3.35 – High School Senior

Oakleaf High School (FL)

MAJOR: Hospitality Management

COLLEGE: Kennesaw State University (GA)

BWLC MENTOR: Joyce Welch

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Patricia Williams

\$600.00 SCHOLARSHIP

SPONSOR: BWLC Foundation

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**BWLC Foundation
Scholar**

Aurielle Byfield

GPA: 3.56 – High School Senior

Oakleaf High School (FL)

MAJOR: Criminal Justice and Psychology

COLLEGE: Kennesaw State University (GA)

BWLC MENTOR: Kimberly Sealy

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Sakhita Galloway

\$700.00 SCHOLARSHIP

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**BWLC Foundation
Scholar**

Arianna Cator

GPA: 3.76 – High School Senior

Brighton High School (NY)

MAJOR: English Writing and Psychology

COLLEGE: University of Pittsburgh (PA)

BWLC MENTOR: Jeannie Slaughter

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Latoya Cole

\$700.00 SCHOLARSHIP

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London Easley

GPA: 3.27 – High School Senior
Mill Creek High School (GA)

MAJOR: Kinesiology

COLLEGE: University of North Georgia (GA)

BWLC MENTOR: Camell Branch-Selby

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Sahkita Gallow

\$600.00 SCHOLARSHIP

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**BWLC Foundation
Scholar**

Karsyn Feemster-Jones

GPA: 3.4 - College Sophomore

MAJOR: Biology

COLLEGE: : Alabama A&M (AL)

BWLC MENTOR: LaToya Cole

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Donna M. Jones

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**BWLC Foundation
Scholar**

Sarayne Forbes

GPA: 3.58 - College Graduate School

MAJOR: English PhD

COLLEGE: City University of NY (CUNY) Graduate Center

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**BWLC Foundation
Scholar**

Batula Mohamed

GPA: 3.75 - High School Senior

Greece Arcadia High School (NY)

MAJOR: Diagnostic Medical Sonography

COLLEGE: Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)

BWLC Mentor: Noor Mohamed

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Patricia Williams

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**BWLC Foundation
Scholar**

Shelby Moorehead

GPA: 3.04 – College Senior

MAJOR: Neuroscience

COLLEGE: Xavier University of Louisiana (LA)

BWLC MENTOR: Cynthia Davis-Jones

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**BWLC Foundation
Scholar**

Cassidy Sayres

GPA: 3.72 – College Junior

MAJOR: Theater / Acting

COLLEGE: University of North Texas (TX)

BWLC MENTOR: Susan Poole

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Jeannie Slaughter

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**BWLC Foundation
Scholar**

Anavi Smith

**GPA: 3.35 – High School Senior
Seaforth High School (NC)**

MAJOR: Psychology

COLLEGE: Winston Salem State University (NC)

BWLC MENTOR: Maria Pugh Moorehead

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: LaToya Cole

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**BWLC Foundation
Scholar**

Eriel Young

GPA: 3.5 – College Senior

MAJOR: Nursing

COLLEGE: St. John Fisher University (NY)

BWLC MENTOR: Regina Bradley

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Judith Solomon

\$700.00 SCHOLARSHIP

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**BWLC Foundation
Scholar**

Jordyn McCloud

GPA: 3.6 – High School Senior

Richardson High School (TX)

MAJOR: Media Communication

COLLEGE: Howard University (DC)

BWLC MENTOR: Judy Solomon

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: LaToya Cole

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**BWLC Foundation
Scholar**

Addison Lanton

GPA: 3.27 – High School Senior

ICL Academy (IL)

MAJOR: Kinesiology / Sports Medicine

COLLEGE ATTENDING: Louisiana State University (LA)

BWLC MENTOR: Dr. Yetta Toliver

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Patricia Williams

\$600.00 SCHOLARSHIP

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Sylvia Chambers
Scholars

(Four Year Renewable Award)



Sylvia Chambers

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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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Sylvia Chambers
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Madison Baker

GPA: 3.64 – College Junior

MAJOR: Mechanical Engineering

COLLEGE: Alabama A&M (AL)

BWLC MENTOR: Sandra Ball

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Sahkita Galloway

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**Sylvia Chambers
Scholar**

Nyla Baxter

GPA: 3.91 – College Junior

MAJOR: Chemical Engineering

MINOR: Multimedia Journalism

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

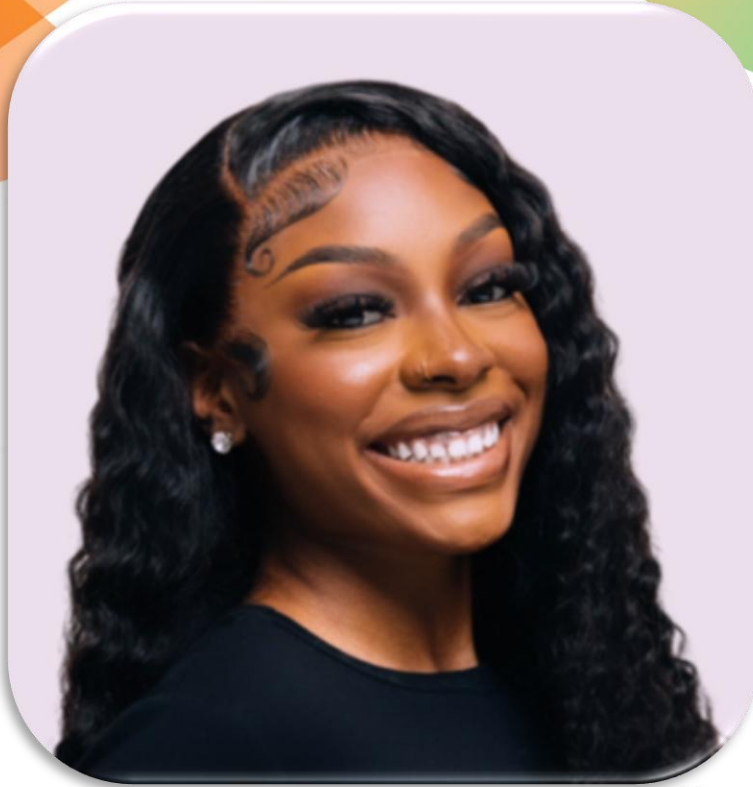
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Scholar

Chloe Carter

GPA: 3.66 – College Junior

MAJOR: Marketing

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

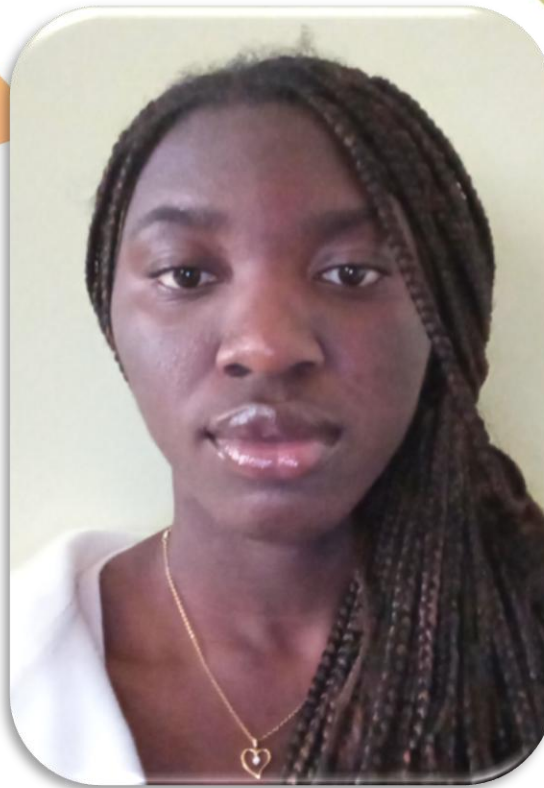
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Akosua Essah

College Sophomore

MAJOR: Computer Science

COLLEGE: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MA)

BWLC MENTOR: BJ Davis

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Jeannie Slaughter

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Sylvia Chambers
Scholar

Justine Forbes

GPA: 3.91 – College Sophomore

MAJOR: Health Development and Family Science

COLLEGE: Messiah University (PA)

BWLC MENTOR: Jennifer Allen

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Judith Solomon

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Sylvia Chambers
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Arianna McKnight

GPA: 3.82 – College Senior

MAJOR: Cancer Biology – Pre Med

MINOR: Romance Languages and Literatures

COLLEGE: University of Chicago (IL)

BWLC MENTOR: Donna M. Jones

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Judith Solomon

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Josephine Noel

GPA: 3.77 – College Junior

MAJOR: English

MINOR: African American Studies / Jazz Vocal Performance

COLLEGE: University of Buffalo (NY)

BWLC MENTOR: Sherry Mitchell

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: Donna M. Jones

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Sylvia Chambers
Scholar

Gabriella Ross

GPA: 3.96 – College Sophomore

MAJOR: Psychology

COLLEGE: University of Cincinnati (OH)

BWLC MENTOR: Floretta Lawson

BWLC Foundation MENTOR: LaToya Cole

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Sylvia Chambers
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Jocelyn Wynn

GPA: 3.88 – College Sophomore

MAJOR: Dance

COLLEGE: The Julliard School (NY)

BWLC MENTOR: Judith Henderson

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