



## Formal Scholarship Description

### The Kiah Duggins Legacy Tribute Scholarship

A Legacy 100 Initiative

The Kiah Duggins Legacy Tribute Scholarship honors the life, vision, and impact of civil rights attorney and incoming Howard University School of Law professor, Kiah Duggins.

Kiah dedicated her life to advancing justice for vulnerable communities and challenging inequities within the legal system. Her work reflected courage, intellectual excellence, and deep compassion. She believed in building pathways for others and preparing future leaders to defend civil rights and human dignity.

In her honor, MECD's inaugural Legacy Tribute Scholarship will provide financial support and resource grants to women pursuing education and careers in law, public service, advocacy, or community-centered leadership. The scholarship prioritizes women who demonstrate a commitment to justice, economic empowerment, and strengthening communities.

Grounded in MECD's pillars of Wealth, Education, Empowerment, Legacy, and Relationships, this scholarship ensures that Kiah's spirit of leadership continues to inspire and elevate women who are determined to change systems and build sustainable futures.

This tribute represents the first of many scholarships under MECD's Legacy 100 Initiative, expanding opportunity and honoring those whose lives modeled purpose and service.

# Eligibility Criteria

## Purpose:

To support women pursuing education and careers in law, public service, civil rights advocacy, or community-centered leadership.

## Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Identify as a woman
- Be 18 years or older
- Be a resident of Prince George's County, MD (or DMV region — adjust if needed)
- Be currently enrolled in or accepted into Howard University:
  - Program focused on public service, policy, advocacy, or community leadership
    - Demonstrate a commitment to advancing justice, equity, and economic empowerment
    - Show community involvement or service experience
    - Maintain a minimum 2.8 GPA (or strong equivalent demonstration of leadership and impact)

## Priority Consideration

- First-generation college students
- Students pursuing civil rights law
- Applicants with demonstrated financial need

## Scholarship Award

- Initial Award Amount: \$2,500 (depending on fundraising total)
- Award may include:
  - Tuition assistance
  - Books or academic materials
  - Professional development support
  - Conference or leadership training stipends

# Application Language

## The Kiah Duggins Legacy Tribute Scholarship

A Legacy 100 Initiative of MECD

At Milestones Elevation Community Development, we believe legacy is not what we leave behind, it is what we build forward.

The Kiah Duggins Legacy Tribute Scholarship honors the life and impact of civil rights attorney Kiah Duggins, whose work centered on justice, education, and protecting the most vulnerable.

This scholarship supports women committed to law, advocacy, public service, and community transformation.

### Application Requirements:

Applicants must submit:

- Completed online application
- 750–1000 word personal statement addressing:
  - Why justice, advocacy, or public service matters to you
  - How your work aligns with advancing equity and economic empowerment
  - How you plan to create lasting impact in your community
    - Resume or academic summary
    - One letter of recommendation (professor, mentor, employer, or community leader)
    - Proof of enrollment or acceptance

### Deadline:

August 16, 2026

### Award Announcement:

Sept. 16th -Kiah's birthday. To be presented at the annual Elevate HER Black Women's HERStory Month Celebration.

**TO APPLY PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#)**

## Sponsorship Tiers for the Scholarship

### **Justice Builder Sponsor – \$5,000**

- Funds two scholarships
  - Name/logo prominently displayed at gala
  - On-stage recognition
  - Feature in annual report
  - Recognition in scholarship press release
  - VIP seating at Elevate HER
- 

### **Equity Champion Sponsor – \$2,500**

- Funds one full scholarship
  - Logo placement in program
  - Verbal recognition at gala
  - Featured in social media campaign
- 

### **Legacy Supporter – \$1,000**

- Partial scholarship sponsor
  - Name listed in program
  - Social media acknowledgment
- 

### **Community Ally – \$500**

- Contributes to scholarship fund
  - Name listed on scholarship page
  - Digital thank-you recognition
-

## **Tribute Donor – Open Giving**

- Donate in honor of someone • Name listed in tribute roll • Personalized digital certificate