



THE BERNIE SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS PROGRAM

2022 Is Our 26th Anniversary

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Courage, Resilience, Drive, Persistence

Our mission is to provide financial assistance for college or training programs to graduating high school seniors and other adults who are low-income and live in subsidized housing in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Our scholarship awards may be used for tuition, books, fees, transportation, child care, computer and other education-related equipment.

Funds are awarded for up to 4 years to assist with degree or certification completion, if needed.

Since 1996, we have provided 814 award funds totaling \$903,700 for determined disadvantaged and low-income students.

53% are First Generation, 29% immigrants, 21% children of immigrants, 92% are minorities.

We are changing lives and future generations and also making a difference in our communities.

98% of BSAP awardees completed a degree or certification or are continuing toward their educational goals.

We're attempting to reduce the amount of paper we waste, along with the associated mailing expenses. Please provide us with your email address so we can send a digital version of our newsletter.

Berniescholarships@gmail.com

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Bernard L. Tetreault served for 24 years (1971 to 1995) as Executive Director of the Housing Authority, which became the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) of Montgomery County, MD. During that time HOC evolved from a traditional housing authority into a nationally recognized provider of subsidized housing and housing finance for low- and moderate- income residents. Upon his retirement in 1995, The Bernie Scholarship Awards Program was established. The Bernie Scholarship Awards Program (BSAP) is continuing its 26 years of scholarship awards.

THE BERNIE SCHOLARSHIPS AND EUGENE FORD, SR., ENDOWMENT (BSEF) AT MONTGOMERY COLLEGE



Thanks to the efforts of a strong supporter of The Bernie Scholarship Awards Program (BSAP), Eugene Ford, Sr., who donated a large sum annually to BSAP and bequeathed \$100,000 upon his death, BSAP will now use those funds and some existing fund balance (total \$110,000) to create this endowment. We will grow BSEF to provide scholarships to help offset educational and training expenses for low- and moderate- income students who live in subsidized rental housing in Montgomery County, Maryland, in perpetuity, many given in Mr. Ford's honor. Eugene Ford, Sr., with businesses Edgewood Management and Mid City Financial, was a major developer of housing for low- and moderate-income residents in the eastern region of the United States. He recognized the need to provide support services and educational opportunities to his tenants.



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His properties are a model for similar housing across the nation. Mr. Ford's strong Catholic faith was a large part in his commitment to assist low-income households. He served on many affordable housing boards, including the National Housing Conference, Homes for America, and Victory Housing. Eugene was chosen as "Person of the Year" by the National Housing Conference.

Congratulations to the 2022 \$1,500 Scholarship Recipients

Ikram A.	Masud A.	Duha A.	Mariam C.
Tabitha D.	Simone D.	Helen E.	Anike F. B.
Jessica H.	Natnael K.	Satisha K.	Ninoshkaly M. M.
Zakiya M.	Samia R.	Amaryllis R.	Bonita S.
Jembeh W.	Egla Y.-A.	<i>18 awardees -- 50% new and 50% continuing.</i>	

30 more MC students are being chosen by Montgomery College Foundation.

SUCCESS STORIES of SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



WHITNEY WILLIAMS I am a daughter, sister, friend, and mentor to others. I was born and raised in Montgomery County, Maryland and of West African descent from Liberia and Sierra Leone. I grew up in a low-income community where I was exposed to various programs such as the Bernie Scholarship that assisted me through my undergraduate career. I recently graduated from Morgan State University where I earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. As of right now I am working as a OBGYN Medical Assistant and applying for my master's in physician assistant studies. I also serve as a junior youth mentor in my community where I am dedicated to inspire and uplift young men and women. During the 2017-2019 academic school year I was a Bernie Scholar recipient where I used my award to fund my college expenses. My experience with the Bernie Scholarship committee has been a blessing, and I am more than grateful to be a former awardee. I believe that the Bernie Scholarship provided more than financial assistance for me. The Bernie Scholarship inspired me to excel in my studies and to create long-lasting relationships with the members on the board. The board has provided me a life-time mentorship that influenced my interest in joining the board. I want to continue to serve my community and be a part of the reason for future awardees' success story. One of my main philosophies in life is that "sometimes it's the journey that teaches you a lot about your destination" which motivates me to be present in all my roles and responsibilities. My compassion for education, mentorship, and financial stability stems from my trials and tribulations that I have encountered throughout my life. I know that I am living proof that anything is possible in this life as long as you put your mind to your dreams.



DYLAN BROWN Growing up, my family was not the richest but my brother and I never wanted for anything, my parents have always been my biggest support and motivation. My parents do not have degrees but they have emphasized the importance of education to me constantly. I received my Bachelor's Degree in English from Bennett College for Women on December 17, 2021. With the help of 5 Bernie Scholarship awards, I was able to afford my tuition and fees. What inspired me to



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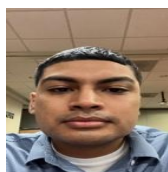
choose my career path was my junior year of college I received an internship at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. When I began the internship, I knew that my ultimate goal for after college was to be a foundation for children, whether that be in the classroom or in other parts of the education field. During the internship, we touched on a few schools and KIPP was one of the schools we discussed and I

immediately gravitated towards their mission and overall goal for children and education. I was able to apply to KIPP DC as a Capital Teaching Residents (CTR) and I am thrilled to begin this journey in the classroom! As a CTR, we are currently training to better prepare us for our classroom experience. The purpose of the CTR program is to allow future lead teachers to get a feel of the classroom while also learning how to become the teacher they aspire to be with the support from a current lead teacher. Honestly, so far so good with the CTR program I love everything that KIPP has to offer, for the staff and students. I actually had an experience today during training that made me have a "This is what I want to do with my life" moment our subject was equity and inclusion, we discussed how African Americans are viewed and how we carry ourselves for the image of others, and how as a teacher it is our job to teach students that there is no right or wrong way to live and it does not matter what your skin tone or your racial background is, everything can be done with ease as long as we set goals and put our minds to it. My biggest goal in life was motivated by realizing that oftentimes children's voices are not heard because it is taught that as a child "You do not know what you are talking about" when in fact children are extremely knowledgeable and sometimes know more than the teachers, so with that being said, allowing myself to be that person for a child is why I am so motivated to keep working with children. I plan on staying at KIPP DC for a while, I enjoy the company and there are many opportunities other than being a teacher.



STAISHA FORD-BARNETT I grew up with two sisters and my mother and my weekends were filled with family. Visiting my aunt and cousins. I was interested in drug development and regulation. In undergrad I took advantage of many employment opportunities. I was a Student Ambassador, Resident assistant, had a few jobs as a server, a pharmacy technician, and I also worked as a teacher's assistant. Currently I work as a Pharmacy Intern at Huntington Hospital, an

affiliate of Cedars Sinai. I received my Bachelor's Degree from Morgan State University an HBCU in Baltimore, MD. I graduated in the Spring of 2021 with a major in biology and minor in Chemistry. Currently I am at the University of Southern California in the Doctor of Pharmacy Program, expected to graduate in May 2025. The Bernie Scholarship has encouraged me to continue school and has helped each semester with having to worry less about financial obligations. I have been receiving Bernie Scholarships since 2017 (5 awards), and I am very grateful for the opportunity to continue my education with the support of this wonderful foundation.



We are pleased to welcome Ariel ("Ari") Roque-Morales as BSAP's new part-time Program Administrator. He has an AA from MC and expects to earn a BS in Computer Science from UMBC in May 2023.

JANUARY 2023--BEGIN OUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM!!



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CALLING ALL PAST AND PRESENT AWARDEES!!!

**Please update us on your academic goals at
berniescholarships@gmail.com:**

- When will you complete your college degree/certification? What is your career goal?
 - What is the career degree/certification that you completed?
- Your current job title? Your annual income?

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID LINKS

Have financial aid and deadlines questions or need help completing the FAFSA? Contact Montgomery College TRIO Educational Opportunity Center - 240-567-5644, mceoc@montgomerycollege.edu. FAFSA - <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

Maryland Higher Education Commission Financial Aid Funds

-<https://mhec.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) for those who are not eligible to complete the FAFSA - <https://mhec.maryland.gov/Pages/MSFAA-FAQS.aspx>

Federal Student Aid - studentaid.gov

BERNIE SCHOLARSHIPS' SADDENING LOSSES

BSAP lost two devoted members of the Advisory Board recently. Their contributions to the Program will be sorely missed.

2021: Judge Paul McGuckian was on our Advisory Board for more than 10 years. He reached out personally to friends who contributed to help our scholars financially.

2022: George Payne, Vice President/Provost Applied Technologies, Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education, and Workforce Development and Continuing Education. George began his career at Montgomery College (MC) in the Construction Management program, then program coordinator and department chair. He was part of the leadership team that developed the Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education, and later was dean. George led with respect the many students he guided and encouraged to hope and do their best. George is greatly missed by BSAP and MC.

APPRECIATION TO GENEROUS 2022 DONORS

You make The Bernie Scholarship Awards Program possible. Without your help, we could not help individuals, families and future generations improve their lives by achieving college degrees or work-development certifications. We are deeply grateful.

\$500 - \$999: Bernie Tetreault, George Morgan, Claudia Moy

\$1,000 - \$4,999: Pettit Family Charitable Fda., William E. Cross Fda., UNC Chapel Hill, Marion and Jim Brodsky, Helping Hands Society of Greater Washington, Marie Gargas, Mr. and Mrs. John Weller, U.S. Bank

\$5,000 - \$9,999: Shirley Brandman and Howard Shapiro Family Fund

\$20,000: The Wolpoff Family Fda., Inc.



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TOGETHER WE CAN EFFECT CHANGE FOR GENERATIONS!

The Bernie Scholarship Awards Program is a component fund of the Greater Washington Community Foundation (GWCF), through which we are a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

- Make a tax-deductible donation to www.berniescholarships.org:

- <https://cfncr.wufoo.com/forms/the-bernie-scholarship-fund>

- Mail your check to Bernie Scholarships at P.O. Box 2514, Rockville, MD 20847

- Make charitable contributions from your IRA or retirement plans to

- <https://www.investopedia.com/taxes/can-i-use-money-my-ira-donate-charity>

YOUR DONATIONS INVEST IN STUDENTS SEEKING A BETTER LIFE

\$500 can pay for one college course

\$1,000 can pay for one year's textbooks

\$2,500 can pay for one semester's basic tuition

\$5,500 can pay for one year's tuition and fees

\$20,000 can pay for tuition, fees, books and supplies to complete an Associates Degree

Dear Friends,

Each year at this time, we reach out to urge you to support The Bernie Scholarship Awards Program (BSAP). It is from people like you that we receive the funds needed to support the program. Thank you on behalf of our resilient scholars. This year BSAP awarded 18 students plus 30 more at Montgomery College. This brings us to 814 awards totaling \$903,700 since inception in 1996.

Your generous donations are changing the lives of students. Awardees are placing their hopes for a better life through their education. All are low-income Montgomery County neighbors who can't afford higher education. The pandemic and now inflation have caused financial strain for our students and their families. Some of you may be approaching retirement and living on limited funds. You may want to take advantage of the tax laws by donating from your IRA or other retirement account.

I commend our scholarship Board for establishing an Endowment at Montgomery College (MC) to serve students attending MC. BSAP continues to serve scholars attending other colleges or workforce development training. The BSEF Endowment will ensure that our needy students are helped in perpetuity. I am pleased to welcome an outstanding and eager group of new Board members to the scholarship program. The new members bring perspectives from their positions in County Government, Montgomery College, Montgomery County School Board, Howard University and a three-time BSAP scholarship awardee.

Our 2020 awardees reflect the effectiveness of BSAP. More than two thirds reported a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Nearly half of our recipients continue to work while attending classes to pursue their dreams of earning a college degree, and continuing to support



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their families. Of the 31 survey respondents, 28 have earned a college degree or certificate program, with salaries ranging from \$24K to \$50K.

I ask you personally to support, or continue to support, this worthy program. To make a donation, go to:

<https://cfncr.wufoo.com/forms/the-bernie-scholarship-fund>. You

may prefer to make a check payable to The Bernie Scholarship Awards Program, and mail it to P.O. Box 2514, Rockville, MD 20847.

*Gratefully and Sincerely,
Bernie, BSAP Co-Founder*

GET TO KNOW BSAP—CHECK OUT THESE

[Brochure Corrected 2022.pdf](#)

[Bernie Effectiveness Study Aggregate Findings - July 2020.pdf](#)

Bernie Scholarship Award Ceremony - 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t1nhQk8elq8>

College Consensus honored BSAP as #1 in Maryland's top 5 scholarship programs. www.collegeconsensus.com/scholarships/maryland/

HELP US GO GREEN and CONSERVE FUNDS!

Send BSAP your name and email address to berniescholarships@gmail.com, so we can email you our November and June Newsletters at no expense!

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:    

CONTACT US AT: berniescholarships@gmail.com

WARM WISHES FOR THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND
A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR IN 2023!



Board Members: Joshua Chazen, Beverly Coleman, Sandra Edmonds Crewe, Lynne Harris, Silvio Renzi (Board Chair), Sonya Turner, Whitney Williams, Greg Wims

Advisory Board Members: Bruce Adams, Catherine Leggett, Susan Messitte, Bernie Tetreault

Founding Members: Jim Brodsky, the late Rev. Lon Dring and Barbara Heyman, Joyce Siegel, Bernie Tetreault

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Help A College Student Today!