

MEMORANDUM

To: CFGB Board

From: Nicole Standridge, Senior Program Officer

Date: May 21, 2026

Re: CFGB Internal Scholarship Committee Recommendations

Background

The Scholarship Committee of the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham recommends to the Board of Directors the awards listed below. The selected students were chosen based on set scholarship criteria. It is attested that the selection process was fair and non-discriminatory and that a Conflict-of-Interest form was signed by each committee member. It is understood that recommendations must be approved by the CFGB Board before an award can be paid and that each scholarship check will be issued directly to the educational institution.

To better align with the scholarship's new financial capacity and to increase the visibility, accessibility, and impact of the scholarship program, the Scholarship Committee is following a tiered award model, as approved by the CFGB Board in 2025. Amounts will be adjusted yearly based on annual spending policy.

The Community Foundation Scholarship is currently supported by the following funds: Betty Louise Bagby Scholarship Fund, Bessie Estell Fund, Herman E. & Eva E. Sellers Helping Hand Fund, I Have a Dream Foundation Fund, Ruby S. & John P. Ansley Honors Scholarship Fund, and the Community Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Request

Members of the CFGB Scholarship Committee recommend the following renewable scholarship awards:

1. *Larissa Bell: \$40,000 (\$10,000/yr)*
2. *Jajuan Richardson: \$32,000 (\$8,000/yr)*
3. *Joshua Evans: \$20,000 (\$5,000/yr)*
4. *Tyree Kirkland: \$10,000 (\$2,500/yr)*

Recommendation

We recommend that the CFGB Board approve the scholarships recommended by the internal CFGB Scholarship Committee, as described above.