

**2019-2020 MMF BEST & BRIGHTEST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA / PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES**

Dear Student:

Millennium Momentum Foundation, Inc. (MMF), the official benefiting charity of Your Turn Intern Expo & Celebrity Fest, is offering scholarships valued at \$3,000.00 each for the 2019-2020 academic school year. Recipients will be “conditionally selected” based upon information provided in their scholarship application on the basis of academic merit, financial need, demonstrated leadership potential, and commitment to contribute their academic and professional development toward the advancement of the public good.

NOTE: Priority consideration will be given to the following;

- Students that successfully complete and graduate from the MMF Leadership Development Institute (LDI), the official pre -expo workshop series of Your Turn Intern Expo, of which these students are allocated additional points in the Best & Brightest Scholarship application review process and are given priority selection consideration. Learn more about LDI at: www.millennium-momentum.org / Learn more about Your Turn Intern Expo at: www.yourturnintern.com
- Students enrolled full-time at 4-year universities in the following regions; Southern California, Silicon Valley, Miami, Atlanta, Chicago and New York. Official enrollment verification / transcript will be requested.
- Students that are members in good standing with campus-based student leadership programs at 4-year universities in Southern California, Silicon Valley, Miami, Atlanta, Chicago and New York, that partner with Millennium Momentum Foundation and Your Turn Intern Expo & Celebrity Fest in an effort to support the enrollment, retention, graduation, and professional advancement of their undergraduate and graduate students from diverse communities.
- Students referred by Your Turn Intern Expo & Celebrity Fest partnering employers.

DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS: FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019

On behalf of our Board of Directors, Community & Student Advisory Boards, and National Advisory Board, we would like to wish you the best as you pursue this prestigious academic endeavor. If you have any questions relative to the requested material and application process, please email: scholarships@millennium-momentum.org .

With Momentum,

Jason L. Seward, Founder & CEO
Millennium Momentum Foundation, Inc.

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**2019-2020 BEST & BRIGHTEST SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA / PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES
(Scholarship Applicants Must Meet the Following Criteria & Adhere to the Following Guidelines)**

- Applicant does not have to be U.S. citizen. International students are encouraged to apply.
- Scholarship opportunity targets, but is not limited to students from under-represented student populations; African-American, Asian Pacific Islander, Hispanic/ Latino, or Indian / Native-American in an effort to positively impact higher education matriculation, retention and graduation among under-represented populations. All students regardless of race or ethnicity are encouraged apply, as all students will be considered for this opportunity.
- Applicants that have received the Best & Brightest Scholarship in a prior year, can be considered and selected for the Best & Brightest Scholarship in a subsequent year.
- Applicant must be a full-time undergraduate (Minimum Sophomore Standing) or full-time graduate student.
- Applicant must be a student enrolled full-time at a 4-year university in one of the following regions; Southern California, Silicon Valley, Miami, Atlanta, Chicago and New York. Official enrollment verification / transcript will be requested.
- Applicant can be pursuing career in public sector, private sector or nonprofit sector, but applicant must be committed to improving the quality of life for the public good. Please do not inquire as to whether or not your particular major is eligible, as “all students are encouraged to apply” for this opportunity and will be considered. The Scholarship Committee will ultimately review what each applicant plans to do with his or her major / field of interest and how each applicant’s career aspirations will help to advance the public good, whether from the nonprofit sector, public sector, or private sector.
- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA for consideration into the MMF Best & Brightest Scholarship Program and must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA during the duration of the 2019-2020 academic school year (Fall & Spring) to remain eligible for participation and to receive scholarship disbursement.
- Selected recipients are required to enroll in the MMF Leadership Development Institute (LDI), given the agency’s commitment to ensure that students couple academic education with practical leadership & employment skills training. Applicants that have already completed the MMF Leadership Development Institute (LDI) and are selected as Best & Brightest Scholars must fulfill LDI requirements through volunteer campus Peer Mentor / Liaison assignments, MMF Administrative Internship placements, or other customized assignments provided by MMF to the scholar to couple academic education with practical leadership skills and engagement opportunities.
- Scholars will be required to attend a mandatory New Scholar Orientation, all Leadership Development Institute (LDI) Training Conferences (2 full-days, locations & dates to be announced upon selection, depending on regions), Annual Leadership Development Institute Social Mixers, the Annual Opening Doors Awards to receive scholar recognition, and the Annual Leadership Development Institute (LDI) Graduation & Certification Awards Ceremony. All applicants will be formally requested to reserve these dates and should plan accordingly so that their schedule will accommodate their attendance for these mandatory requirements of all Best & Brightest Scholars.



- All applicants are “conditionally accepted” based upon content of scholarship application. By signing the scholarship application, applicant acknowledges that he or she may be “conditionally selected” as a scholar based upon information submitted in his or her scholarship application and may be recognized as a 2019-2020 Best & Brightest scholar in that regard at the Annual Opening Doors Scholarship Awards Ceremony based upon information submitted in his or her scholarship application. However, if it is discovered prior to disbursement that the applicant fails to maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA and/or meet other scholarship eligibility requirements during the Fall or Spring Semester (i.e. full-time enrollment, satisfactory Leadership Development Institute Participation, satisfactory customized Administrative Internship Program participation etc.), that he or she will be deemed ineligible and may not receive the actual scholarship disbursement.
- Applicants must understand that scholarship award is disbursed over the course of two semesters post verifying conditions being met. Fall disbursements are processed after official verification of scholar consistent full-time enrollment during Fall 2019 semester, minimum cumulative 3.0 or higher GPA retention post Fall grades posting, documented satisfactory participation in the 2019-2020 Leadership Development Institute (LDI), documented satisfactory participation in the customized 2019-2020 Administrative Internship Program (LDI Alum Applicant Applicable) and verification of any other applicable program eligibility guidelines. Spring disbursements begin processing in March of 2020 following MMF verification of student consistent full-time enrollment, documented satisfactory participation and/or completion and graduation from the 2019-2020 Leadership Development Institute (LDI), documented satisfactory participation and/or completion of the 2019-2020 Administrative Internship Program thru March of 2020 (LDI Alum Applicant Applicable Only) and verification of any other applicable program eligibility requirements being met, as provided in the Best & Brightest Scholar eligibility guidelines.
- Scholar must make a minimum one-year commitment to maintain ongoing contact with Millennium Momentum Foundation, Inc. staff and administration after program completion to receive ongoing academic and/or professional development guidance and support as he/she transitions into additional higher education opportunities and/or the workforce.