



## **B.D.S.N.M. FAMILY FOUNDATION**

**Bidgood Dargan Sturdivant Nance McClain Family Foundation**

*a.k.a.*

*Family for the Advancement of Matriculation In Learning Youth Foundation 4 Learning*

### ***Request for grant funding***

#### ***Our Story***

The B.D.S.N.M. Family Foundation is a 501c(3) Public Benefit Charity certified by the Internal Revenue Service and the California Franchise Tax Board. We were incorporated in the State of California on May 16, 2007.

Our mission is to provide scholarship funding to High School Seniors with no prior college enrollment, as well as emergency funding to single parent families whose income is below the USHHS Federal Poverty Level.

The Lucille Packard foundation's most recent statistics estimate the high school dropout rate in California to be more than 114,000 or 21.5%. Almost 37% of these students are African-American, and nearly 27% are Latino.

<http://www.kidsdata.org/data/demographic/dashboard.aspx?dem=13>

Consequently, these ethnic populations are underrepresented students in institutions of higher education. California is just one example of the focus of our nationwide programs to improve the outcomes for ethnic student populations to be able to attend college. We believe that by targeting these minority students, by building programs that underwrite some of the expenses for a college education (educational scholarships program), by providing student financial counseling and support, and by conducting family financial counseling; we will build a strong pathway to and through college for these students. All of these programs are necessary in order to provide students with the skills and support needed to graduate from a two or four year college.

Since we began our award program in 2011 we have underwritten the college education of sixteen students, tracked these same nineteen students through each year of college in four states in the USA and awarded \$16,400 to help defray the costs of their college education.



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## Organizational fit

The BDSNM organization has a nationwide focus for assisting minority and underrepresented students in colleges throughout the USA. Board members are located in California, Georgia, Oregon, Kansas, North Carolina, Maryland, Texas and the District of Columbia. Our board accepts scholarship applications throughout the year and meets bimonthly to consider applications for funding and other business. Our board members are qualified educators, successful business people and professionals with a particular common emphasis on our heritage as descendants of slaves from the 1700s. Our particular sensitivity is reflected in our mission statement to help disadvantaged youth who need a helpful support system in order to achieve their academic goals of a secondary education. Our criteria for scholarship applicants is tied to the US HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines which covers all ethnicities through the common bond of poverty.

## Grant-Request Population Served

Our primary and secondary target populations are described above – African-American and Latino populations who are generally in the low income sector of the American population. Since need is the first measurement in our application evaluation process, low income applicants are particularly favored. These applicants tend to be first-generation college students. All applicants must complete the FAFSA forms as part of the qualifying process for our grant applications.

Of the nineteen students who have received awards one of them (5%) has a parent with a secondary degree. Three of the nineteen (16%) have parents who have high school diplomas. All of these students qualified for Federal Pell Grants of varying amounts. With a funding level of \$80,000 we can serve sixteen students per year for five years in our service areas of Alabama, California, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Oregon, Maryland, North Carolina, Texas and the District of Columbia. All areas are represented by our extensive Board of Directors and our Advisory Board.

In The United States the dropout rate is 18.6% for all high schools students.

<http://www.governing.com/gov-data/high-school-graduation-rates-by-state.html>

California	19.6%
Alabama	20.0%
District of Columbia	37.7%
Georgia	28.3%
Indiana	13.0%
Kansas	14.3%
Maryland	15.0%
North Carolina	17.5%
Oregon	31.3%
Texas	12.0%



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### Grant-Request Population Served (continued-I)

In The United States the dropout rate is 26.7% for low income students.

<http://www.governing.com/gov-data/high-school-graduation-rates-by-state.html>

District of Columbia	41.1%
Oregon	39.6%
Georgia	36.2%
California	25.2%
Maryland	25.2%
North Carolina	23.9%
Kansas	23.4%
Alabama	19.7%
Indiana	17.3%
Texas	14.8%

In the District of Columbia with the highest dropout rate of 37% for the areas we serve, The Low Income Dropout Rate for Students was 41.1%. The national dropout rate for low income students increases by 8% over the national level. For the areas we serve the national dropout rate average is 20.9%. For low income students for the areas we serve the average dropout rate is 26.6%. An increase in percentage of 5.8%. The data referenced here covers school years from 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. 2013 being the data referenced above. From 2010 to 2013 there has been improvement of only an average of one percent per year and two percent for the three year measured period. Our use of the US HHS Poverty Guidelines as a requirement for application links by a low income bond all ethnic groups. In our first year of awards we made one award in the District of Columbia, two in Georgia and one in California.

#### 2012 award recipients.

**Edwin R. Ochoa** is an American born Guatemalan whose family moved back to Guatemala shortly after his birth. When Edwin returned to America his primary language was Spanish. Being a very diligent individual, Edwin used his frustration with the American language and customs to fuel his determination to become familiar with its customs and articulate in English. In his four years of high school, Edwin has been at the head of his class, a member of the Principal's Honor Roll and maintained a cumulative GPA in excess of 4.0. His resilience motivates him to overcome any challenge that confronts him. The Family Foundation is proud to be a partner with this dynamic young student. Edwin plans to graduate from California State University, Los Angeles in 2017.

**Nikeila C. Jensen** of Moorpark, CA has overcome significant personal challenges in her life. With the passing of her father when she was in elementary school and an absentee mother, Nikeila has had to take residence with an aunt and uncle. With constant personal challenges facing her, Nikeila has learned to make difficult decisions that have made her a strong person who is looked up to by her peers. She has become a role model to other young women at Moorpark High School. In addition to being an excellent student with limited resources, Nikeila has consistently found time to participate in programs that assist other students and the less fortunate. She often volunteers to feed the homeless and pass out blankets to them. She also organizes other students in day trips to work with shelters and food banks in the area. Nikeila, as head of Fundraising for the MHS Health Science Academy organizes special events and activities for the more than 300 members of this student organization. Her 3.8 GPA falls short of telling the full story of Nikeila C. Jensen who is a driven young woman who seeks to share in every way she can. Nikeila expects to graduate from Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO in 2016.



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### **Grant-Request Population Served (continued-II)**

**Amber D. Baker** of Los Angeles, CA is a story of inspiration and personal growth. Amber has dealt with an absentee mother and an inconsistent father since childhood. As a result she began her high school career with the marks of these life conditions. Her strong character and refusal to accept her condition caused her to choose to attend a LAUSD charter school which would better prepare her for a future of success. She also chose to submit herself to the Foster Care system in order to make significant changes in her personal environment. Amber is self motivated and is a survivor with the will to far exceed her goals. A school favorite, Amber who began her high school career somewhat shy and introverted has grown to be a leader of her class and is the current Student Body President. She avoids negative and detractive influences and focuses on creating her own success. By so doing, Amber sets an example for others to make good life choices. Amber is attending California State University, Pomona.

**Levi Moellering** of Moorpark, CA is a graduate of Moorpark High School who is committed to succeed in helping others. His goal is to become a physician so that he can provide this type of resource in depressed communities. Levi has learned as a child the importance of volunteerism and community involvement. Both of Levi's parents are educators and both have allowed him the freedom to recognize the value of this important character trait on his own. He saw the light and at an early age began to join his parents in these opportunities for personal growth. In addition to being an excellent student and athlete, Levi has gone to the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco to serve the homeless and has had the opportunity to travel to Kenya to the village of Makobe to provide construction skills to a school for AIDS-orphaned children. The soft-spoken giving person that he is, Levi will make a valuable contribution to his generation that seeks to give a hand up in addition to a hand out. Levi attends Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, CA.

More information is available on our website at [www.family4learning.org](http://www.family4learning.org) in the Historical Archives sector on the Achievement Bonus and Achievers Info I and II pages.

### **Grant-request geographic area**

**Our geographic service areas at the present time are California, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Oregon, Maryland, North Carolina, Texas and the District of Columbia. These are areas where we have board representation and committee members with interest and the ability to serve and follow up on awardees' progress in school and in achieving their scholastic and personal goals. Prior to awards, training in personal finance will be available for each named recipient. Once scholarship awards are made, a member of our Educational Support Committee will be responsible for maintaining contact with the awardees in their geographic areas. Regular meetings will be held in order to assess financial, educational, and family needs. Annual reports will be submitted to the Board of Directors. Once an award recipient has graduated, the foundation will track the graduate for a period of one year with additional support for career counseling and financial stability.**



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### Grant-request goals and activities

**We are requesting a \$80,000 grant for the fiscal years 2016 through 2020. This allocation will allow us to increase the number of students serviced to a total of eighty over the five year period and will serve as the basis for our solicitation of matching funds from our board members, corporate sponsors, and other granting agencies to help increase our ability to service underrepresented students in secondary education. Sixteen scholarships of \$1000 each will be allocated per year during these fiscal periods.**

**We have partnered with the American Institutes for Research to finance an award scholarship in the District of Columbia in 2011 for four years. We have also received sponsorships from local businesses such as the Sherwood Mortgage Group in Thousand Oaks, CA, Garfield Travis Enterprises Inc., in Moorpark, CA and Relaxed Customs Co. in Newbury Park, CA. We now partner with Pasadena YouthBuild organization, a nationwide program dedicated to providing a high school diploma for students ages 16-25 who have dropped out of high school. The program additionally provides job counseling, mental health counseling, leadership programs, life skills, job training, and community service. We also partner with Wells Fargo Bank for personal financial management training of our award recipients.**



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B.D.S.N.M. Family Foundation Educational Scholarship/Grants, Matching Grants Scholarships will be awarded annually to high school graduates for educational expenses to accredited colleges, universities and trade and/or technical schools.

#### Scholarship Criteria

The following are the criteria that the student must meet in order to qualify for a scholarship:

- Applicant must have no prior college enrollment.
- Applicant must be graduating in the current year with a minimum scholastic GPA of 2.5.
- Applicant must provide proof of enrollment in the college/university.
- Applicant's total family income cannot exceed four times the Federal Poverty Level for the number of family members living in the household for the current year.  
(See URL: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/12poverty.shtml>.)
- Applicant must meet the citizenship eligibility requirements of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Applicant must be in the process of completing or have completed an application for **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**.
- Applicant must provide their Data Release Number (DRN) and a copy of their SAR (Student Aid Report).
- Applicant must provide full household financial disclosure including other financial assistance.

#### Other important information:

If the applicant is awarded a scholarship, they must maintain all qualification requirements each year. They must also maintain contact with the B.D.S.N.M. Family Foundation for educational advice, counsel and support during their college career. Failure to qualify can cause elimination from the program. Applicants who do not receive an award can reapply in 12 months if there is still no prior college enrollment.

#### Awards

Each grant will total \$1,000 in value to be awarded in 4 annual graduated installments of \$200, \$250, 250, & \$300.

Grants will be awarded in the geographic areas currently served by the foundation: Phoenix, Arizona Area, Los Angeles Basin, Atlanta Metro Area, Charlotte, North Carolina Area, Washington, D.C./Maryland/Virginia Metro Area, Texas, Florida, Indiana and Kansas or any other foundation location in the United States of America.

The number of grants can be increased by the availability of grant sponsors and qualified applicants who excel in the evaluation process.

An Achievement Bonus award may be made to the top qualifier when certain conditions are met.

The candidate must attain the highest rating of all applicants in our evaluation process.

That highest rating must exceed a rating standard.

Graduating GPA must exceed 4.0.

The value of the award will depend on available sponsorship.

The nature of the Achievement Bonus will be determined by the needs of the recipient.

The funding process will not begin until all application data is received and authenticated.

Funding may take ten days to two weeks after receipt of all authentication data.



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## Evaluation Process

Application packages will be evaluated by the Education Committee using the “Blind Review” process.

The identity of the applicant is known only to the “Coordinator” and is not published until final awards are made by the B.D.S.N.M. Family Foundation Board of Directors.

Specific criteria approved by the Board of Directors will be used to evaluate applications.

Upon completion of the review process, the finalists will be forwarded to the Board of Directors with recommendations for final approval.

Identity of applicants will remain anonymous until the Board of Directors has voted on the final recipients.

Application Packages are evaluated based on need, academics and total quality of package in that order.

Specific categories evaluated:

- Applicant’s need for assistance
- Financial Resources for college (including Federal Pell Grant eligibility amount)
- High School Transcript (academics)
- Essays (two are required and rated on content, organization, vocabulary and language use, grammar usage and mechanics)
- Letters of recommendation
- Volunteer work and community service
- Honors and awards
- Extracurricular Activities
- Quality of the total application package

Upon evaluation, each category will receive points within a specific range. The maximum possible score is 100%. A minimum score of 75% is generally acceptable to qualify for an award.

Final decision on awards is made by the B.D.S.N.M. Family Foundation Board of Directors.



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**Since our founding we have**  
**Made financial awards to 19 graduating high school**  
**seniors!**  
**Awarded nearly \$17,000 in scholarship funding**  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ASSIST MORE OF THESE DESERVING**  
**STUDENTS!**  
**Awards are made to qualifying high school seniors:**  
**\$1,000 scholarships are funded over four years in the amounts each**  
**year of \$200, \$250, \$250 & \$300**

### **2011 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES**

Michelle Coronado - College Ready Academy High School #7, Los Angeles, CA  
Galisa Ferrell - Spingarn High School, Washington, DC  
Shantinay Barnes – South Atlanta School of Law & Social Justice, Atlanta, GA  
Teanna Glass – South Atlanta School of Law & Social Justice, Atlanta, GA

### **2012 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES**

Nikeila Jensen - - Moorpark High School, Moorpark, CA  
Levi Moellering - Moorpark High School, Moorpark, CA  
Edwin Ochoa - William & Carol Ouchi High School, Los Angeles, CA  
Amber Baker – College Ready Academy High School #7, Los Angeles, CA

### **2013 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES**

Khadeijah Ferrell - Spingarn High School, Washington, DC  
Iesha Gadsden, Spingarn High School, Washington, DC  
Renarta Hammond - South Atlanta School of Law & Social Justice, Atlanta, GA  
Lauren Poe - South Atlanta School of Law & Social Justice, Atlanta, GA

### **2014 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES**

Faisal H. Atanante, Leah C. Bajulai, Kyana K. Bell, Evelyn Y. Vasquez  
Students On Academic Rise (SOAR) High School, Antelope Valley, CA

### **2015 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES**

Jocelyn Alfaro, SOAR High School, Antelope Valley, CA  
Jada Wheeler - - South Atlanta School of Law & Social Justice, Atlanta, GA  
Kayla Wheeler - South Atlanta School of Law & Social Justice, Atlanta, GA



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## **Congratulations to our Scholarship achievers!**

### **2011**



**Michelle Coronado**  
Los Angeles, California  
Class Valedictorian  
College-Ready  
Academy High School #7.



**Galisa Rae Ferrell**  
Washington D. C.  
Class Valedictorian  
Joel Elias Spingarn High  
School



**Teanna Dawntia Glass**  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Class Salutatorian  
South Atlanta School of  
Law and Social Justice.



**Shantimay Lashay Barnes**  
Atlanta, Georgia  
South Atlanta School of Law  
and Social Justice.

### **2012**



**Edwin R. Ochoa**  
Los Angeles, California  
Class Valedictorian  
William & Carol Ouchi  
High School  
Alliance for College-Ready  
Public Schools



**Nikeila C. Jensen**  
Moorpark, CA.  
Moorpark High School.



**Amber D. Baker**  
Los Angeles, CA.  
College-Ready Academy  
High School #7



**Levi Moellering**  
Moorpark, CA  
Moorpark High School

### **2013**

Khadeijah Ferrell, Washington, DC Joel Elias Spingarn High School  
Iesha Gadsden, Washington, DC, Class Valedictorian, Joel Elias Spingarn High School  
Renarta Hammond, Atlanta, GA, South Atlanta School of Law & Social Justice,  
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Scholarship application packages are presented to high schools in the Los Angeles, California, Atlanta, Georgia, Charlotte, North Carolina and Washington, D.C./Maryland/Virginia metropolitan areas.

Each team member makes contact with several high schools in their local area. They will remain the foundation contact for the school including presentation of the award and award recipient support contact. Every effort is made to make at least one student award in each area.

### **B.D.S.N.M. Family Foundation Scholarship Marketing Team**

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**Training/Conversion Analyst, Fiserv Lending Solutions**



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FRANCHISE TAX BOARD  
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RANCHO CORDOVA CA 95741-1286

In reply refer to  
755:G :JCA

November 30, 2010

BDSNM FAMILY FOUNDATION  
CLARENCE STURDIVANT  
6944 PECAN AVE  
MOORPARK CA 93021-1661

Purpose : CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL  
Code Section : 23701d  
Form of Organization : Corporation  
Accounting Period Ending: September 30  
Organization Number : 2997818

EXEMPT DETERMINATION LETTER

We determined you are exempt from California franchise or income tax under California Revenue and Taxation Code section shown above.

The tax-exempt status is effective as of 04/20/2007.

To retain exempt status, organizations are required to be organized and operating for nonprofit purposes within the provisions of the above section. An inactive organization is not entitled to exemption.

This decision is based on information you submitted and assumes that your present operations continue unchanged or conform to those proposed in your application. Any change in operation, character, or purpose of the organization must be reported immediately to this office so that we may determine the effect on your exempt status. Any change of name or address must also be reported.

In the event of a change in relevant statutory, administrative, judicial case law, a change in federal interpretation of federal law in cases where our opinion is based upon such an interpretation, or a change in the material facts or circumstances relating to your application upon which this opinion is based, this opinion may no longer be applicable. It is your responsibility to be aware of these changes should they occur. This

For filing requirements, get Pub. 1068, Exempt Organizations - Filing Requirements and Filing Fees. Go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for 1068.

Note: This exemption is for state franchise or income tax purposes only. For information regarding sales tax exemption, contact the Board of Equalization at 800.400.7115 or website [boe.ca.gov](http://boe.ca.gov).

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Registry of Charitable Trusts.

J AMAYA  
EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS  
BUSINESS ENTITIES SECTION  
TELEPHONE (916) 845-6644  
FAX NUMBER (916) 843-2071

EO :

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

BDSNM FAMILY FOUNDATION  
C/O CLARENCE A STURDIVANT  
6944 PECAN AVE  
MOORPARK, CA 93021-1661

Employer Identification Number:  
26-0334824  
DLN:  
17053237353049  
Contact Person:  
MS K WILMER ID# 52405  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
September 30  
Public Charity Status:  
170 (b) (1) (A) (vi)  
Form 990 Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
August 21, 2009  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of, the Code. Because' this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c) (3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c) (3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,



Robert Choi  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC \_



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