

Thank you all for allowing me to receive the Spread Your Wings Scholarship. It is highly appreciated. Receiving this scholarship is removing a financial burden off my shoulders for my freshman year of college.

My mother and I rely heavily upon government assistance so receiving this scholarship is a blessing for us. It's a relief to know that I don't have to overwhelm myself with trying to find funding for tuition. It provides me with a sense of recognition and validation for my hard work and achievements, boosting my confidence and motivation. It also opens opportunities for networking and professional growth, connecting me with mentors who can support my academic and career aspirations.

Thinking that I didn't have enough money to attend my dream HBCU was very disheartening at times because it made me change my mind a lot. I thought about attending a university that wasn't for me just because it was financially efficient for me. Once I applied to this scholarship my hopes had skyrocketed because I knew that I was a strong candidate. My consistent high grades demonstrate my strong work ethic and ability to overcome challenges which is why I deserve this opportunity.

You all provided me with not only the money but the confidence to attend one of the top HBCU's in the nation. I will continue to seek opportunities to expand my knowledge and skills, whether through internships, extracurricular activities, or volunteer work. I am more than blessed to have been a recipient for this award. I will not let you all down!

Thank you again!

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