



# The Fidelity Scholars Program(FSP)

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# Helping students reach their potential

The Fidelity Scholars Program isn't just a scholarship; it's a comprehensive support system designed to empower students to achieve their full potential. More than just financial assistance, this program provides a wealth of resources and the support to help them complete their degree.

Fidelity Scholars Program  
Wrap-around Support Model



## The Scholarship

Bachelor's degree recipients may be funded for up-to four years of study.

As a need-based scholarship, the amount of financial support provided will depend on the cost of attendance determined by the in-state college or university in which you are enrolling. This is a last-dollar approach. That means your scholarship funds will only be applied after your family contribution and all other financial aid sources have been granted, greatly reducing the need for you to take out loans and incur educational debt related to the cost of attendance.

**In year one, the Fidelity Scholars Program awarded more than \$2.85 million scholarships to 200 students.**

## Eligibility

The program is open to historically under-resourced and underrepresented students who are permanent residents of Colorado, the District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island and Texas.

- 2.5 - 3.5 unweighted GPA or GED
- Pell eligible and/or demonstrate financial need
- Attend an in-state college or university



**Apply by January 30, 2025**

**Learn more at  
[UNCF.org/fidelitiescholars](https://UNCF.org/fidelitiescholars)**



# What is a last dollar scholarship?

Tuition, fees, housing, meals, books, supplies and equipment, transportation, off-campus dining, other educational costs

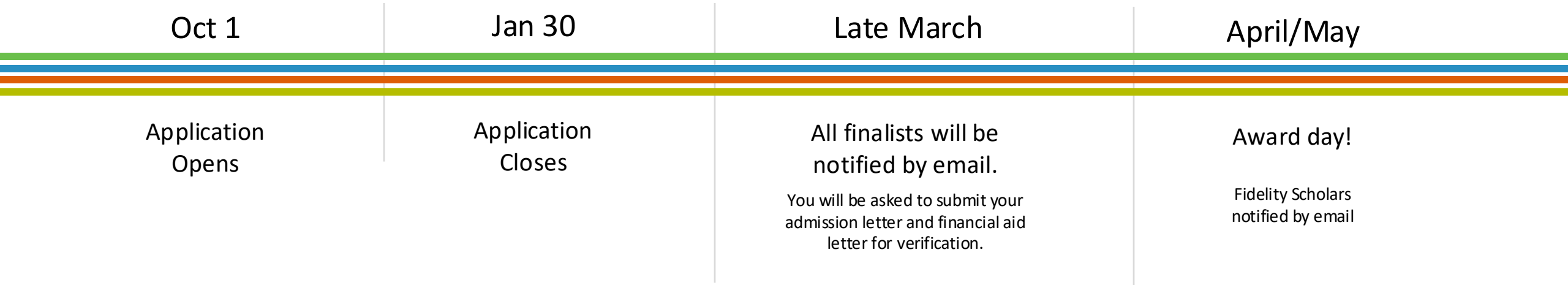
<b>Cost of Attendance</b>	<b>\$26,061</b>	
SAI / Family Contribution	- \$1,073	
<b>Federal Aid</b> (Pell or opportunity grant)	\$24,998	Financial need
	+ \$7,204	
<b>State or Institutional Aid</b> (grants or scholarships)	+ \$8,327	
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	\$15,531	subtotal
<b>Fidelity Scholars Program</b>	+ \$9,457	"Last dollar"
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	\$0	

The Fidelity Scholars Program offers a last dollar scholarship that covers the remaining gap between the cost of attendance and other financial aid you have already received.

You can afford to go to college with little to no debt!



# Fidelity Scholars Application Process



## Steps to apply:



Create your profile on the UNCF website

[Opportunities.UNCF.org](https://www.uncf.org)



Complete the Application for the Fidelity Scholars Program

- ✓ Activities, awards, experiences
- ✓ Essay
- ✓ Video
- ✓ Recommendation
- ✓ Transcript



Complete the FAFSA



# Opportunity for the Mighty Middle

Application for the 2025-2026 award year opens in October 2024

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1

Underrepresented and historically underserved populations

2

Aged 16-24 who reside in CO, DC, FL, KY, MA, NC, NJ, NM, RI, OH, TX

3

Pell eligible and/or demonstrate financial need

4

2.5 - 3.5 unweighted GPA or GED certificate

5

Attend as an incoming 2025-26 freshman to a 4-year accredited college or university in the state that you reside



# Fidelity Scholars Program Snapshot

**594**  
TOTAL SCHOLARS

**\$x.x**  
FINANICAL AID

**173**  
Fall 2023

**421**  
Fall 2024

**675**  
Fall 2025



**65%**  
of Scholars are first in their families to attend college



**500**  
Fidelity mentors

### Scholars by Ethnicity

<b>335</b> Black	<b>225</b> Latino	<b>13</b> Asian/Pacific Islander	<b>11</b> Caucasian	<b>2</b> Native American	<b>8</b> Other
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### Scholars by Gender Identity

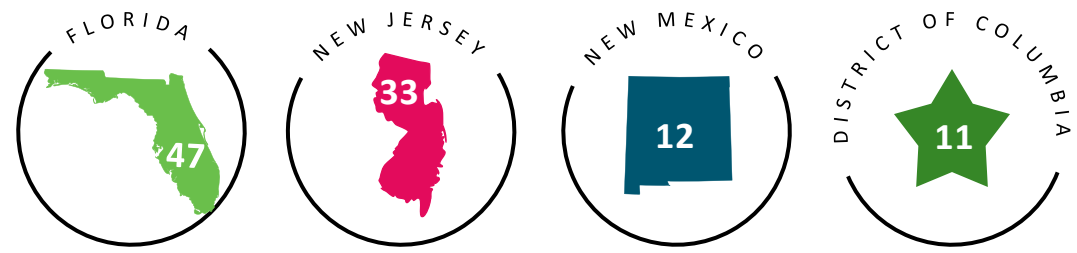
<b>371</b> Female	<b>219</b> Male	<b>2</b> Non-Binary	<b>2</b> Prefer not to answer
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## Total Scholars by State

2023 Launch States



2024 Expansion States



### Supporting Multiple Pathways

	<b>94%</b> Bachelor's Degree		<b>6%</b> Community College
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**18%**  
of scholars are attending an HBCU or HSI





# Engaging Support for our Scholars



Know Before You Go & Orientation



Meet with College Success Coach and Fidelity Mentor



Financial Education



Campus events and webinars with Scholar cohort

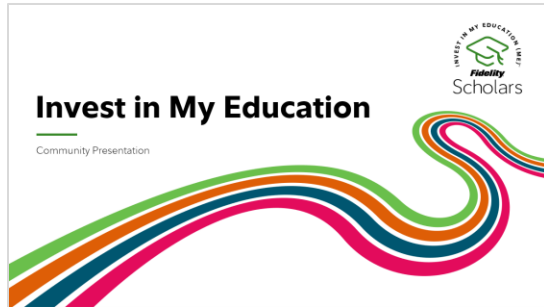




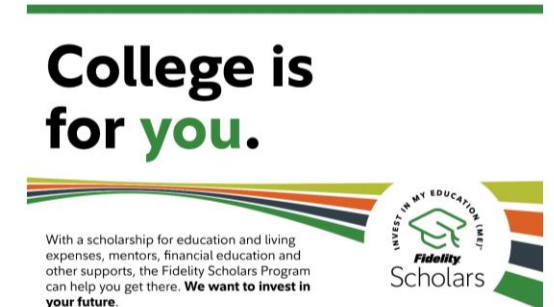
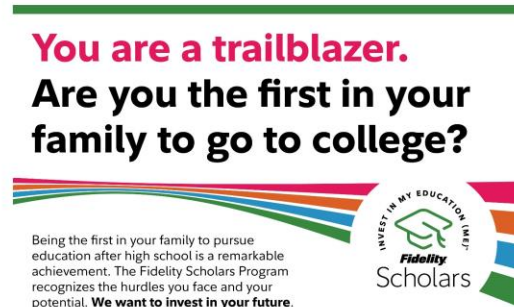
# Community Toolkit

Resources you can use to promote with your students and families

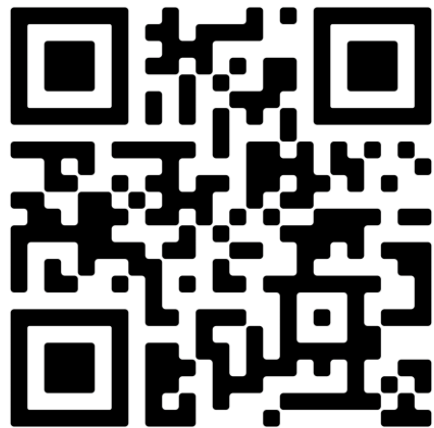
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Presentation Slides



Downloadable Posters



One-page Flyers



Web & Social Media Graphics



# Ways that you can support the Fidelity Scholars Program



## Identify and refer scholars

Download the Toolkit to help spread awareness



## Get students registered at UNCF

Help them set-up their UNCF profile so that when the application opens on October 1st, they are ready to apply!

[Opportunities.UNCF.org](https://opportunities.uncf.org)



# Let's Work Together

## **Student Identification:**

- How do you currently identify students who may not be aware they qualify for scholarships?
- Do you have any students in mind who fit the 2.5 to 3.5 GPA range that we could help reach with this opportunity?

## **Supporting Outreach:**

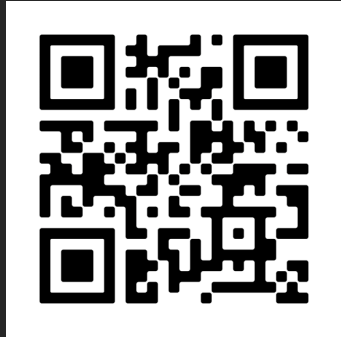
- What are some ways we could collaborate with you to share information about the Fidelity Scholars Program, whether through school newsletters, announcements, workshops or direct communication with students?

## **Encouraging Applications:**

- How can we make it easier for you to encourage students to apply for this scholarship?
- Are there any resources or materials we can provide to help students understand the benefits of the program?







# Learn more



Questions? Email:  
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