ABOUT

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF), formerly the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund, is named for the U.S. Supreme Court’s first African-American justice. It was established in 1987 under the leadership of Dr. N. Joyce Payne in cooperation with Miller Brewing Co., Sony Music, the NBA, Reebok, and the American Association for State Colleges and Universities. TMCF supports and represents nearly 300,000 students attending its 47 member-schools that include publicly-supported Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Predominantly Black Institution (PBIs), medical schools and law schools.

TMCF helps students with a clear intention to succeed acquire a high-quality college education at an affordable cost. TMCF also efficiently connects high performing, world-ready students with top tier employment opportunities—that students or employers might not have on their own. Throughout its scholarships and programs, TMCF plays a key role in preparing the leaders of tomorrow.

TMCF is the only national organization to provide this level of support to publicly-supported HBCUs and PBIs, and to date has awarded more than $300 million in such assistance to its students and member-schools. TMCF member-schools are a critical source of higher education for all students. Many TMCF member-school graduates have become leaders in the business, government and entertainment industries. However, few of these achievements would be possible without the support of TMCF and its generous financial partners.

OUR MISSION

To ensure student success by promoting educational excellence and preparing the next generation of workforce talent through leadership development.

OUR VISION

Changing the World... One Leader at a Time

STRATEGIC PILLARS

- Scholarships
- Programs
- Policy & Advocacy

IMPACT

- Serve as a voice for all Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), but our member-schools are the 47 publicly-supported HBCUs and Predominately Black Institutions (PBIs).
- Serve as a resource for nearly 300,000 students enrolled at our member-schools.
- Enable Education: TMCF member-schools confer more degrees than any other HBCU-serving organization.

FACTS

- To date, TMCF has provided more than $300 million in scholarships, programmatic and capacity building support to our member-schools and students.
- Unlike UNCF, 98 percent of TMCF’s awards are distributed exclusively to Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Predominantly Black Institutions.
- The average graduation rate is 97% for TMCF scholarship recipients.
- Publicly-supported Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) enroll over 80% of all students attending the nation’s HBCUs.
- 93% of all first-time, full-time undergraduate degree/certificate-seeking students who attend TMCF member-schools rely on financial aid in their pursuit of a degree.
- TMCF has achieved the highest level of accreditation from three major non-profit review groups: Charity Navigator (4-Stars), Guide Star (Platinum Level Participant) and Better Business Bureau - Wise Giving Alliance (20 out of 20 standards).