ABOUT

Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) is named for Thurgood Marshall, 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 53 member schools, including publicly-supported Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs), Historically Black Community Colleges (HBCC), medical schools, and law schools.

TMCF is the country’s largest champion of the Black college community. Through TMCF, students and graduates continue the fight for access, equity, and inclusion while building a more diverse talent pipeline and workforce in corporate America. TMCF has continued the legacy of Justice Marshall for over three decades to provide direct resources to HBCUs, nurture and advance Black talent in the workforce, and create a more equitable society that will provide economic mobility for Black students and their communities.

TMCF offers pathways to economic mobility and lucrative careers to build the next generation of Black leaders. TMCF’s Scholarship Program provides financial support to help bridge the racial wealth gap and reduce debt for low-to-middle-income Black students who already shoulder the strain of student borrowing disproportionately.

TMCF connects high-performing, career-ready students with top-tier employment opportunities. To date, TMCF has awarded more than $500 million in assistance to its students and member schools. Many TMCF member-school graduates have become leaders in the business, government, and entertainment industries. These achievements wouldn’t have been 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

- Student Scholarships
- Equity and Upskilling
- Policy & Advocacy
- Capacity Building
- Talent Sourcing
IMPACT

- Serve as a voice for all Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), including our 53 public member-schools.
- Serve as a resource for nearly 300,000 students enrolled at our member-schools.
- Serve as a champion for education conferring more degrees than any other HBCU-serving organization.
- Serve as an advocate for the sustainability of HBCUs reinforces the critical role the institutions and their talent play in achieving the mission of social justice, and the creation of a more equitable world.

FACTS

- TMCF Schools enroll 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).

- To date, TMCF has provided more than $500 million in scholarships, career programs, and capacity-building support to our member schools and students.
- TMCF distributes 98 percent of its awards exclusively to Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Predominantly Black Institutions.
- The average graduation rate is 97% for TMCF scholarship recipients.