GLENDALE COLLEGE FOUNDATION

2025 - 2026 FACULTY AND STAFF GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name of Project/Program: Black Scholars/Black Student Union Scholarship **Date:** 05/25/2025

Applicant's Name: Alexandra Evans

GCC Position: Student Equity Couselor **Department:** Student Services/ Student Equity

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Please check which category best describes your project:

- ☐ **Arts & Culture**
- ☐ **Athletics & Fitness**
- ☐ **Career & Work Training**
- ☐ **College Operations & Facilities**
- ☐ **Humanities/Social Sciences**
- ☐ **Science & Technology**
- ☒ **Other**

Amount requested: $ 5,000

Please attach a one- to two-page typed request that provides a comprehensive summary of your project/program and establishes the need. Please include the following:

- What do you propose to do?
- Who will be involved in the project/program?
- What are the benefits of this project/program to the students, college, and the community?
- How does this project/program support the College's Institutional Strategic Plan?
- Timeline for the project/program.
- How do you propose to use the funds requested? Please include specific budget information
- Please list any other sources of funding you have applied for and include dollar amounts if already awarded.
- How will the Foundation's support be recognized?
- How do you plan to evaluate this project's success?
- If your project/program is successful, how will it inform your practice moving forward?

Please email this completed and signed form along with your proposal to zjacobs@glendale.edu

Submission Deadline – Thursday, May 29, 2025, by 5:00 PM PST

Your signature indicates approval of this request to the Glendale College Foundation

Alexandra Evans A. Evans

Applicant's signature

Chair or Department Head Signature

Print name of Chair or Department Head

Grant Review Committee comments and/or recommendations:

This grant was denied/approved on _____ **The amount awarded is $** _____

Glendale College Foundation
Grant Program-Application 2025
Black Scholars - BSU Scholarship
Applicant: Alexandra Evans

1. The **Black Scholars/ BSU Scholarship** provides Black/African American students with financial assistance to meet their educational needs, including support with tuition and fees, textbooks and supplies, and personal needs, including rent, utilities, food insecurity, internet connectivity, and other academic/personal needs that minimize barriers to educational/career success. We aim to increase the number of scholarship recipients and the amount awarded to each student.

Most Black students do not live in Glendale and travel outside of their neighborhoods to seek a quality and premier education at GCC. Students navigate academics and work and balance multiple roles and responsibilities to provide for themselves and their families. This is amplified when facing insecurities in housing, paying utilities, food, and the internet, which are necessary to continue their education successfully.

One of the 2019 The **Black Scholars/ BSU Scholarship** recipients stated,

"Being one of the Black Scholarship recipients made me feel really appreciated and very grateful to receive such a great scholarship from Black Scholars. It let me know that people of color were not forgotten about, and it showed that my education does matter. I encourage any and every person of color to apply to this scholarship. And that we take our education seriously. This scholarship really helped me, during the semester, to pay for much needed items to further my education."

2. The **Black Scholars/ BSU Scholarship** aligns with the College's mission to empower students to transform their lives by achieving their economic, educational, career, and life goals through our instructional programs, student services, and community partnerships. Funding for the **Black Scholars/ BSU Scholarship** will allow Black/African American students to have money to pay for personal/educational needs. Reducing financial barriers will enable students to focus on academics and, hopefully, reduces the need to withdraw from college due to employment. The acknowledgment and financial resources of the scholarship provide students with the motivation, validation, and sense of belonging that fosters their drive to accomplish their goals at GCC. Review the letters from the 2024 **Black Scholars/ BSU Scholarship** recipients' which express how the award benefitted them academically and emotionally.

3. The **Black Scholars/ BSU Scholarship** account has limited funding. The funding was previously acquired by fundraising events hosted by the Black Student Union (BSU) and efforts through Student Equity. The pandemic postponed fundraising efforts, thus reducing funding. And the BSU and Black Scholars funding is now separate, therefore the accumulation of funding to support both have been decreased. As we explore fundraising in the future, it will take time to accumulate significant funding to impact on the lives of multiple students. No other funding sources are available. The Student Equity grant does not allow expenditures to be used for scholarships. The scholarship has been funded by the Foundations grant for the past four years.

4. The **Black Scholars/ BSU Scholarship** is awarded annually and funding from the Foundation will be used for the 2025-2026 scholarship.

5. The **Black Scholars/ BSU Scholarship** will allow students to receive financial relief and support their academic needs enabling them to focus on academics and less on barriers. Being recognized as an accomplished Black Scholar will encourage students to pursue their educational goals and know that GCC supports them. By being acknowledged and having a sense of belonging, students will become more engaged and have the confidence to persevere. Student engagement will increase, thus increasing retention and academic success rates, which will benefit the College and its attempt to close equity gaps. Student recipients also encourage other students to apply for scholarships. As Black students succeed in attaining certificates, degrees, and transfer, the College's success rates will increase, thus increasing opportunities for the College's funding formula.

6. How will funds be used:

   Black Scholars students were asked how much scholarship money would be significant in one school year. The following amounts were considered significate to contribute to tuition, books and fees, and personal needs:

Annual Scholarships = 10 students
Scholarship Amount = $500.00 per student
-or-
Annual Scholarships = 5 students
Scholarship Amount = $1,000.00 per student

7. The **Black Scholars/ BSU Scholarship** is an annual Spring semester scholarship. The 2025 **Black Scholars/ BSU Scholarship** had 29 applicants. The applicants who meet the most criteria and have a compelling personal statement are chosen by counselor Alexandra Evans, the Student Equity Program Manager, Yeranui Barsegyan, and an additional Student Equity Counselor.

Criterion for applicants:

- Membership of in Black Scholars Learning Community/Black Student Union
- GCC campus participation/ community participation
- Use of scholarship funding, as stated by the applicant
- Compelling personal statement

8. The Foundation's award will be recognized by including the following statement, "This scholarship was made possible by a grant from the Foundation," on each scholarship certificate. We also acknowledge the Foundation on our Student Equity website and Instagram account to celebrate and encourage more students to apply for the scholarship, thus creating a cycle of **Black Scholars/ BSU Scholarship** recipients.

9. Success will be evaluated by in-person, telephonic, or email communication between Counselor and scholarship recipients. Also, success will be tracked by the achievement of the educational goal.

- We will contact students via telephone or email to ask **Black Scholars/ BSU Scholarship** recipients the following questions:
    - How has the **Black Scholars/ BSU Scholarship** affected your academic performance?
    - How did you use the funding from the scholarship?
    - How do you think the **Black Scholars/ BSU Scholarship** will assist students in the future?
- Track graduation rates and transfer.

These questions will allow us to evaluate the scholarships' success and effectiveness and implement ways to improve the scholarship for future semesters.

2022 Black Scholars/ BSU Scholarship - Five recipients

- Three students transferred – (California State University - Northridge (2) and San Diego State University)
- Two students graduated with Associates Degrees for Transfer (ADTs) with Academic Honors
- One student attained a Certificate of Completion

2023 Black Scholars/ BSU Scholarship - Five recipients

- Three students transferred to a four-year university – Completion/Success
- One student graduated in Spring 2024 – Completion/Success
- One student continues to pursue an AAT – Journalism while balancing being a wife and mother of two young children (age two and five months old).
    - This student started an entertainment production company for people of color and filmed a short film at GCC depicting the story of her life.

2024 Black Scholars/ BSU Scholarship - Five recipients

- All five students are continuing their education at GCC – Retention
- One student is successfully completing the Pilot Training program, but took a break because she needs additional funding to pay for the program
- One student is a contributing journalist for the Chaparral and seeks to attain her degree in Spring 2026
- One student is a recipient of the Psychology Scholarship 2025
- One student is a recipient of GUILD Scholarship 2025

Thank you for your consideration!

Alexandra Evans

2024 – Black Scholar/Black Student Union Scholarship Recipients

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Kwaters699@student.glendale.edu

May 24, 2024

Black Student Union Scholarship
1500 N Verdugo Road
Glendale, California 91208

Re: Thank You For The Scholarship

Dear Black Student Union,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for being selected as the recipient of the Black Student Union Scholarship. It is an incredible honor, and I am truly thankful for your generosity and support.

I am currently enrolled in the Aviation program, working on various stages of pilot licensure. This scholarship will significantly ease the financial burden of my education, allowing me to focus more on my studies. Your support is not only an investment in my future but also an encouragement to continue striving for academic excellence and personal growth.

With the assistance of this scholarship, I plan to continue the flight labs that will allow me pursue aviation pursuits, where I hope to make meaningful contributions to sustainability and conservation efforts of aviation transportation. Your generosity has brought me one step closer to achieving these goals, and for that, I am profoundly grateful.

Once again, thank you for your kindness and support. I am committed to making the most of this opportunity and hope to one day give back to others in the same way you have helped me.

Sincerely,

Karen M Waters

Dear donor of the black student union scholarship

I am writing to express my appreciation and gratitude for choosing me to be a recipient of the black student union scholarship, your act of kindness has filled me with joy and reassures me that there is hope for the future, after spending 16 years of my life in prison, I wasn't sure if I'd pursue a college education, reentering society hasn't been easy, and I know that many obstacles still remain in my path, your support will help me get a step closer to what I need to accomplish.

I assure you that I will put this award to good use in furthering my education. My goal is to help people that are in similar situations that myself once was by using theater arts as a tool to break barriers and to help rehabilitate those in need of healing.

In conclusion, again I want to thank you for seeing me as someone worthy of this award, I will be sure to continue to reach for my goals and hopefully inspire others to do the same.

Sincerely Kevin McAninch

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To my Donor,

I'd first like to say thank you for extending your resources to help us as college students. My biggest fears when considering school were rooted in whether or not I'd be able to afford it/me with a military G.I. Bill. This is the first scholarship I've ever received & I'm honored by your faith that I will be able to do great things with your assistance.

Most of my military peers joined because not many people were rooting for them. Making it out alive is a blessing, and building a normal life after you leave can be really challenging. The mental health statistics are devastating. My goal is to assist with neuroscience research as it pertains to mental health so I can help find as many solutions as possible. After WWII, we had NO language for or understanding of PTSD. This time around, my generation is prepared with new knowledge that I hope to expand upon.

Returning to school has been challenging, but I know that I can do this & help make a difference. When I need encouragement I will think of you & your faith in us as students. I hope we make you proud.

Warmly,

- Jakkeara Smith

5/2024

Dear Donor,

I am truly grateful for this amazing opportunity to help me on my education journey. The Black Student Union Scholarship was such an honor to recieve. It came as a total surprise at the right time. I am honored to recieve a scholarship that is supporting and uplifting Black Students on campus here at GCC.

Thank you for investing in my future!

Best Regards

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