



# 2024 IMPACT REPORT

The Higher Foundation

# ABOUT US

## Our Mission

The Higher Foundation promotes post-secondary education by providing financial assistance to Georgia college students. Our main objective is to make post-secondary education more attainable for Georgians from all walks of life. Our goal is to consistently increase the Georgia population with a bachelor's degree or higher. We plan to reach our goal by serving Georgia college students with our need-based grants and merit-based scholarships. As we make higher education more accessible, we aim to see every Georgian college educated and fulfilled in his or her career.

## Our Causes



Financial Strain



Resource Scarcity



Food Insecurity



Housing Instability



Academic Stress



Career Advancement

## Our Services

### Need-Based Aid

The Higher Foundation Grant promotes post-secondary education by providing need-based financial aid to Georgia college students. We award grants directly to Georgia college students to help cover their cost of attendance expenses such as: Food, Transportation, Housing, Healthcare, Career Advancement, and Higher Education.

### Merit-Based Aid

The Higher Foundation Scholarship promotes post-secondary education by providing merit-based financial aid to Georgia college students. We select Higher Scholars based on the strength of their academic background, campus & community involvement, leadership skills, and professional development.

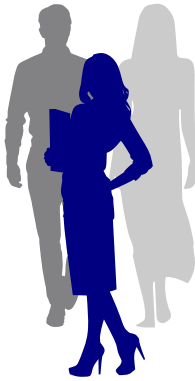
# OUR IMPACT

**\$33,900**

Dollars Awarded

**225**

Grants



**13**

Scholarships



**1,970**

Resources



**1,056**

Students Served

**5**

Years of Service

Since inception in May 2018, The Higher Foundation has served over 1,000 Georgia college students and funded over \$33,000 in grants and scholarships. Together, let's keep working to make post-secondary education more attainable for Georgians from all walks of life.

# OUR PURPOSE

**40%**

of the Georgia population did not pursue a college education.

**22%**

of the Georgia population started college but did not graduate.

**38%**

of the Georgia population have at least an associate's degree.

**1 of 2**

Georgia is one of only two states in the nation that does not offer a state-wide need-based aid program.

**112,000**

students or more deal with unmet financial need in the 26 University System of Georgia (USG) higher education institutions.

**42%**

of USG students reported not receiving any financial support from parents or guardians

**39%**

of USG students struggled with stable housing.

**37%**

of USG students had very low or no food security.

**99%**

of students did not receive school-funded need-based aid in 23 Georgia colleges.

**67%**

of USG Black students enrolled were not awarded The HOPE Scholarship.

**3rd**

Georgia ranks 3rd in USA for student loan debt per borrower for \$69 billion.

**56%**

of Georgia college graduates carry debt with the average debt of \$28k per borrower.

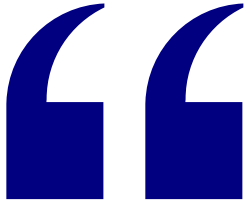
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GBPI "The Need for Need-Based Aid" Report by Jennifer Lee

"Georgia Data, Educational Attainment" by Carl Vinson Institute of Government

# TESTIMONIALS



“The Higher Foundation Grant has helped me to buy some groceries that are good for me and help me to try to eat healthier as a college student.

- Higher Alum, Valdosta State University

“The Higher Foundation has provided nothing but endless opportunities for me, and I am incredibly grateful that they continue to extend their kindness to me. By receiving a finals week gift box, it helped me to relieve some stress in an overwhelming part of the semester. I am incredibly grateful for the grant provided to me to help me go higher in my education as finding the money to cover transportation to my college, as a commuter student, can be incredibly difficult. Thank you all again!” - Higher Alum, Georgia State University

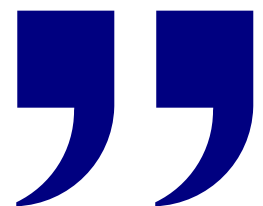
“Thanks to Higher Foundation, I was able to pay for my books that I needed for my classes. The back-to-college kit provided me with essential school supplies that I otherwise would have had to go without. Both of these services also aided me mentally by alleviating some of my stress concerning my finances as a college student.” - Higher Alum, Agnes Scott College

“The grant money really helped me as I started to obtain more financial responsibilities by moving off campus, putting my health first, and becoming more independent. Financial support really can lift a weight off people’s shoulders as they deal with other situations, and I am forever grateful for the support I got from Higher Foundation. I also had the honor of meeting Mallorye when she dropped off Back to College Kits to Serve-Learn-Sustain where I work on campus. Again, I love seeing the dedication and love people have for reaching back and helping others!”

- Higher Alum, Georgia Institute of Technology

“Thank you to the entire committee of Higher Foundation and their contributions to my academics as a scholar and my future profession. Higher Foundation granted me with the funds to purchase my textbooks for this academic semester.”

- Higher Alum, Clark Atlanta University





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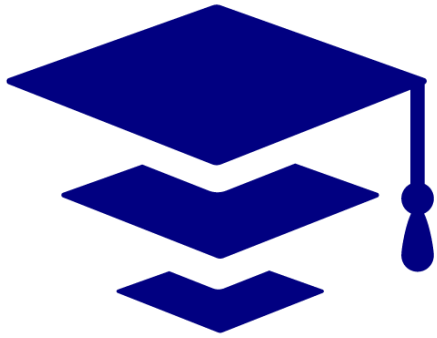
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