



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 monthly at \$500 each directly to Georgia college students to help cover their cost-of-living expenses. Our grant categories are as follows: 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 their academic success, leadership skills, service, and professional development. Our scholarships are \$1,000 each, and they are awarded every Fall and Spring semester to help Georgia college students cover their cost-of-living expenses.

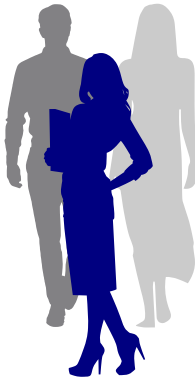
OUR IMPACT

\$33,900

Dollars Awarded

225

Grants



13

Scholarships



1,970

Resources



1,056

Students Served

6

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.

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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.

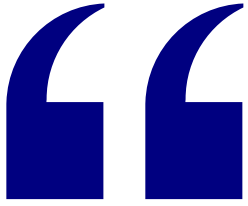
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TESTIMONIALS



“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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