



**THE 2025  
IMPACT  
REPORT**

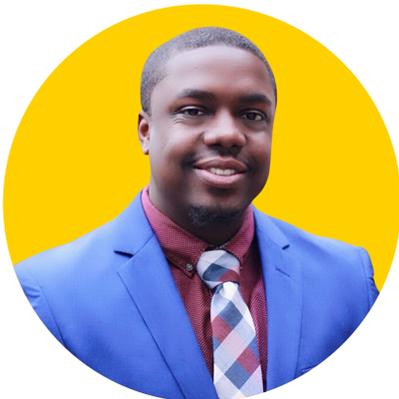
The Higher Foundation

# MEET OUR TEAM



## Mallorye Crowell

Mallorye Crowell serves as the President & Founder of The Higher Foundation. She graduated from The Georgia Institute of Technology in May 2016 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. Soon after she graduated from Georgia Tech, she founded The Higher Foundation to help Georgia college students overcome basic needs insecurity, a plight she one faced as a college student. Under Mallorye's leadership & God's guidance, The Higher Foundation has helped over 1,000 Georgia college students and awarded nearly \$40,000 in grants and scholarships. Mallorye is thankful to God that He chose her for such a worthy assignment to make college easier for all Georgians, and she is determined to keep taking The Higher Foundation higher with the direction of God.



## James Scales

James Scales serves as the Director of Volunteer Engagement of The Higher Foundation. He graduated from Savannah State University in May 2010 with a B.S. in Computer Science and Technology. He is deeply committed to community development, with a particular focus on economic growth and mentoring aspiring entrepreneurs. James is dedicated to fostering a school-to-startup pipeline to support and uplift his community. James also is a Graphic Designer & Film/Photographer.



## Edithe Rose

Edithe Rose serves as the Director of Student Success of The Higher Foundation. She graduated from Agnes Scott College in December 2023 with a B.A. in Anthropology and Sociology, focusing on leadership and business management. She now works as an Admissions Counselor at Berea College, where she helps students from low-income backgrounds access higher education. As a first-generation college student, she is deeply passionate about college counseling and is committed to helping students find scholarships, grants, and job opportunities that emphasize student achievement.



# ABOUT US

## Our Mission

The Higher Foundation promotes educational equity by providing basic needs assistance to Georgia students. Our main objective is to help Georgia students from all walks of life overcome basic needs insecurity, so they can go higher in their education and career. Our goal is to consistently increase the Georgia population with an associate's degree or higher, and we plan to reach our goal by giving Georgia students basic needs assistance. As we make a higher education more accessible, we aim to see every Georgian college educated and fulfilled in his or her career.

## Our Causes



Basic Needs Insecurity



Food Insecurity



Housing Insecurity



Healthcare  
Inaccessibility



Career Barriers



Financial Strain

## Our Services

### Need-Based Aid | The Higher Foundation Grant

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 secure their basic needs. Our grant categories are as follows: Food, Housing, Transportation, Healthcare, Resources, and Career Advancement.

### Merit-Based Aid | The Higher Foundation Scholarship

The Higher Foundation Scholarship promotes post-secondary education by providing merit-based financial aid to Georgia college students. We award scholarships semesterly at \$1,000 each directly to Georgia college students to help secure their basic needs. We select our scholarship recipients based on their academic success, leadership skills, service, and professional development.



# OUR IMPACT

Since inception in May 2018, The Higher Foundation has served over 1,000 Georgia college students and funded nearly \$40,000 in grants and scholarships. Together, let's continue to help Georgia college students from all walks of life overcome basic needs insecurity.

**\$39,500**

Dollars Awarded

**229**

Grants



**17**

Scholarships



**2,250**

Resources



**1,344**

Students Served

**7**

Years of Service



# OUR PURPOSE

**73%**

of students face basic needs insecurity.

**41%**

of students experience food insecurity.

**48%**

of students face housing insecurity.

**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) 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.

**37%**

of the Georgia population did not pursue a college education.

**19%**

of the Georgia population started college but did not graduate.

**44%**

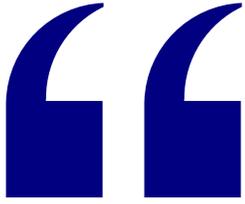
of the Georgia population have at least an associate's degree or higher.

## SOURCES

- The Hope Center Student Basic Needs Survey Report
- GBPI “Exploring the Context & Implementation of Georgia’s New College Completion Grants Program” Report by Ashley Young
- GBPI “The Need for Need-Based Aid” Report by Jennifer Lee
- United States Census Bureau: Educational Attainment in Georgia



# STUDENT TESTIMONIALS



“Thank you for the financial assistance. This money helped me pay for my housing. This assistance has allowed me to cut down on my use of loans and keep me at college with less of the burden of carrying lots of student loans. This was a big help! Thank you again for this assistance.”  
- Higher Student, SCAD

“Receiving financial assistance significantly eased my burden of covering essential cost-of-living expenses, including food and transportation. It allowed me to focus on my education without the constant worry of making ends meet. With this support, I could afford nutritious meals, reliable transportation to and from campus, and essential resources for my studies. This stability enabled me to fully engage in my coursework, leadership roles, and research opportunities, ultimately strengthening my skills and career trajectory. By reducing financial stress, I was able to pursue internships and professional development experiences that would have otherwise been out of reach. The assistance I received not only helped me succeed academically but also empowered me to give back to my community through service and advocacy.” - Higher Student, Emory University

“This scholarship has been an incredible blessing. Since living on campus wasn’t an option for me, I had to manage the high cost of city rent while working part-time to make ends meet. The support from the Higher Scholar Foundation has significantly lightened my financial burden, allowing me to focus more on my studies and excel academically without the constant stress of my finances.”  
- Higher Student, Georgia Institute of Technology

“Receiving financial assistance from The Higher Foundation has been incredibly impactful, allowing me to cover essential living expenses like groceries, car insurance, and my phone bill. This support has relieved financial stress, which has, in turn, allowed me to focus more fully on my studies without the constant worry of managing basic needs. By helping me maintain reliable transportation and access to daily necessities, the grant has strengthened my foundation for both academic success and personal well-being. With these critical expenses covered, I am able to concentrate on excelling in my coursework and pursuing my long-term career goals. This sense of stability has been invaluable, allowing me to dedicate more energy to my education and growth.” - Higher Student, Atlanta Technical College





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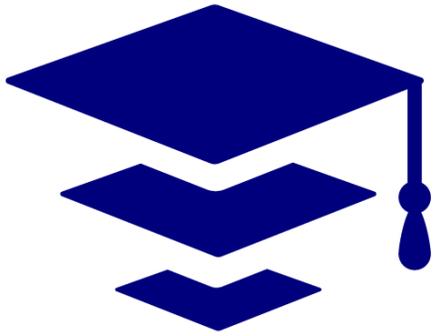
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