

Carver High Class of 1970

S. P. CHARLESTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.

**“Giving Back - Empowering
Education in our Community”**



Annual Report

2020



**Rewarding
academic
excellence,
community
involvement and
services to others.**

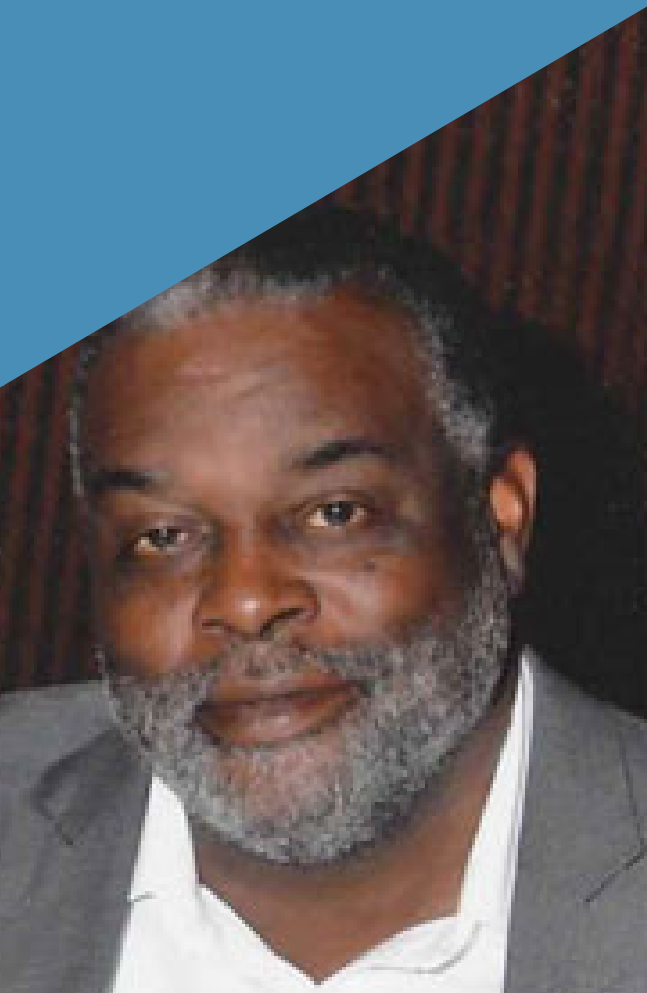
DEAR CLASSMATES, FAMILY, & FRIENDS

Message from the Chairman

We are all either heading into, going through, or coming out of this storm called a pandemic. Many of us have lost loved ones, family and friends and still there seems to be no let up on its effects on us. Knowing that we all have been impacted in some way, I pray that it has been minimal upon you, your families and friends. Our youth have been most impacted in many negative ways with the loss of older loved ones often without an opportunity to say goodbye, disruption of established learning norms and what we have long considered to be the natural order of things, parents leaving this earth before their kids.

To help bring some semblance of order to the chaos they have suffered in this ongoing calamity, we, the Board of Directors of the Carver High Class of 1970 S.P. Charleston Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. is as determined as ever in our efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of our youth. We are committed to double down on our efforts to help assist those we are organized to provide assistance to - the minority graduating seniors of Carver High School.

We thank those who have assisted us this past year with your financial contributions, donations and commitments to serve. Through our collaborative efforts, we were able to award scholarships to seven students totaling \$4,000.00. Though the year 2020 was a trying one, we continued to reward talented Carver High School minority graduates, who demonstrated academic excellence, community service and service to others, with financial assistance in their pursuit of higher education.



Message from the Chairman

We thank you for your past and future support, for your prayers, time, financial gifts and all that you have done and will do to advance the scholarship fund's mission. We cannot thank you enough for joining us in this journey to transform lives. Together we are igniting the potential of remarkable young men and women. We look forward to working with you this year and continuing this essential work in the coming years.

Today, perhaps more than any other time in our recent past, we are faced with challenges to our efforts. It is our responsibility to manage our resources and align our financial efforts with our stated mission and to stay the course. It is and has been a responsibility we do not take lightly. It is because of the commitment of our current Board Members who have willingly sacrificed to make it possible, and the support of our 1970 Classmates and friends, that we have the resources to keep our mission viable. We will continue to call on the generosity and sacrifices of our many friends to make this effort possible. We hope that we can count on you to partner with us by making your contribution today. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Board of Directors.

May God continue to bless you and yours with unspeakable joy and to keep you and yours safe.

Sincerely,



Lester McCray, Chairman
Carver High Class of 1970 S.P. Charleston Memorial
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HISTORY



The Carver High Class of 1970 S.P. Charleston Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. was conceived by fellow classmate, Lester McCray in 2009, organized in 2010 with a team of classmates who embraced the vision to “give back” by providing scholarships to deserving minority Carver High School graduating seniors pursuing a post-secondary education. In 2011, the Scholarship Fund was incorporated in the state of Georgia, received a 501-c-3 designation from the Internal Revenue Service and the first scholarships were awarded later that year.

The S. P. Charleston Memorial Scholarship is named in honor of a dedicated educator and principal of Carver High School, the late Dr. Samuel P. Charleston who was committed to providing the best educational opportunities possible to students. He retired with the Carver High School Class of 1970.



It was his devotion to students and their future success that led us to provide enduring scholarships to a deserving minority Carver High School graduating male and female annually. The focus and continued aim of the scholarship is to provide financial support to Carver High School minority students who have exhibited academic excellence, community service and service to others and are pursuing a post-secondary education.



“Don’t cut your aims down to the level of your present abilities, but rather raise your abilities to the height of your aims. Hold on to your goal and trust that life, chance, help from others, and your own growing experiences and ability will, in time, furnish you the means of achieving your goal.”

ABOUT US



Mission

To give scholarship assistance to Carver High School minority male and female students who have exhibited academic excellence, community service and service to others and are pursuing a post-secondary education.

To create a three-way partnership between high school counselors, teachers and community service leaders. Through these partnerships we strive to identify bright, young people whose goals are advancement in life through post-secondary education.

Results

The S.P. Charleston Memorial Scholarship Fund has over 10 years of experience and a proven track record of providing financial assistance to selected Carver High School minority males and females. This assistance is given after students are enrolled in a college, university, military, or technical school. Since its 2011 inception, a total of 49 seniors have been awarded scholarships for a total award of \$38,800.00. The result is bright young people who have been financially helped to pursue their dreams of a post-secondary education, thus bettering their lives and enriching our community.



2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



In 2020, 7 students became S.P. Charleston Scholarship Award winners. Their fields of study range from nursing to information technology to theater arts. Here are a few of them, in their own words.

KeAndre Harper \$ 1,500

Anticipated Major: Astrophysics
U.S Naval Academy



“An effective leader is somebody who puts other people’s needs before their own. Everything is not an “I” or “Me” statement.”



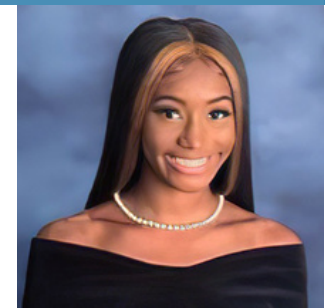
Riana Williams \$ 1,500

Anticipated Major: Biology - Pre-medicine
Howard University



HOWARD
UNIVERSITY

“As a role model for others, I have learned to emulate and strive to be the correct example of living a valued moral existence as we all try to do and be all that we can.”

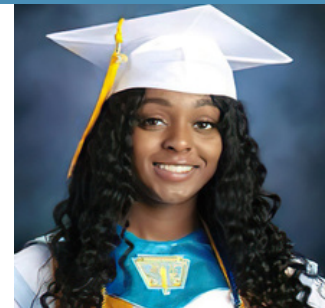


Jennifer Adams \$ 200

Anticipated Major: Cosmetology
Columbus Technical College



“...the most important quality to have is love because it makes everything else easier. I chose to conduct myself with love and show it to others.”

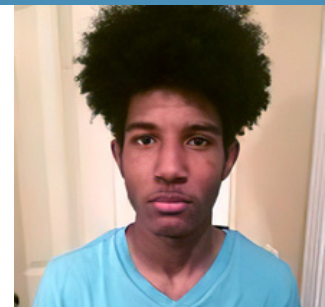


Jaylin Brown \$ 200

Anticipated Major: Computer Science
Valdosta State University



“Passion is one of the most important qualities a leader must have because passion is the driving force behind the vision. If there is no drive, there is no vision.”



IMPACT



Impact in 2020

Academic Scholarships



Keandre Harper
Riana Williams

In total Awards
to 7 Students



Book Scholarships



Jennifer Adams
Kayla Banks
Jaylyn Brown
Clarence Hitchcock
Kayla Quinnie

Impact to Date

Academic Scholarships



In awards to
20 students

In total Awards
to 49 Students



Book Scholarships



In awards to
29 students

TESTIMONIALS



Mrs. T. Leake, Ed.S, PSC, YMHFA

School Counselor: Seniors, G.W. Carver High School

“ It was an Awesome experience working with the Carver High Class of 1970 S.P. Charleston Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. Board of Directors Chairman and members of the Education Committee. The scholarship process was done online which made it super easy and convenient for the students.



As the Senior Counselor, I appreciate the changes and the effort made by the Education committee to make the entire scholarship process electronic for our 21st Century teens. The way they organized it was a brilliant idea. I wish every scholarship would use the template prepared by the Carver High Class of 1970 S.P. Charleston Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. Education committee.

During the pandemic, while students were engaged in virtual learning, our students were still able to apply and benefit from the scholarship. We are thankful that three deserving, well-qualified graduating seniors who needed the scholarships were awarded a total of \$4,000.00. The scholarships inspired them to strive for success in colleges and universities as they pursue their career aspirations.

Thank you! ”

Subricca Redding, Traveling Nurse

CHS Class of 2012 CMSF, Inc. Award Recipient

“ As a proud scholarship recipient, I want to convey my gratitude and appreciation! Nine years ago, I graduated from Carver with aspirations to become a registered nurse. The scholarship was a motivation and tremendous help with some of my expenses at Albany State University.



I graduated with a nursing degree and successfully completed the course work for a Nurse Practitioner. I am blessed with two daughters and love being a Traveling Nurse now working in Columbus. My career in nursing is rewarding and I am grateful for the scholarship that helped me attain success!

Thank you for continuing the scholarship and for helping make the difference in the lives of many young people like me. I plan to contribute and support your continued efforts!

With Appreciation. ”

GOALS



Mid Range

Goal 1

Increase number and amount of scholarship awards

Goal 2

Increase 1970 Classmate support and enhance our partnership with the All Class Alumni Association

Long Range

Goal 3

Establish and maintain long standing Corporate Sponsorships

Goal 4

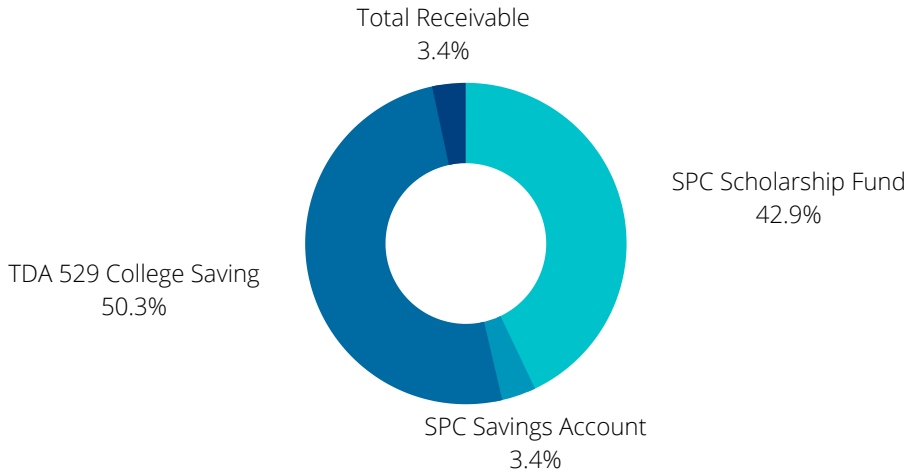
Establishment of a CMSF Scholarship Endowment

2020 FINANCIAL POSITION

(as of 31 Dec 2020)

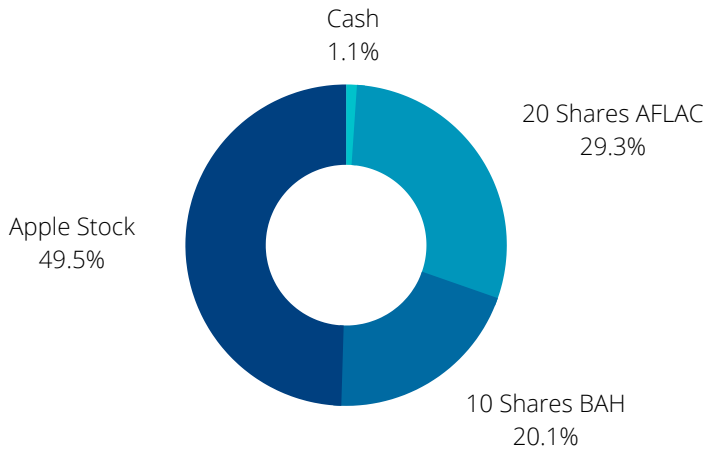


Assets



CHECKING/ SAVINGS

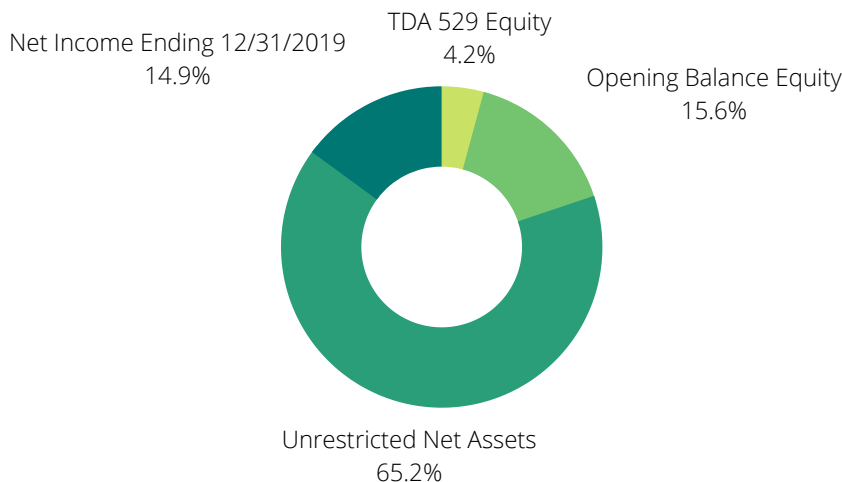
- Total Receivable
- -\$500
- SPC Scholarship Fund
- \$6,349.24
- TDA 529 College Saving
- \$7,437.10
- SPC Savings Account
- \$510.33
- Total Current Assets**
- **\$13,796.67**



MARKETABLE SECURITIES

- Cash
- \$52.18
- 20 Shares AFLAC
- \$1,413.88
- Apple Stock
- \$2,392.53
- 10 Shares BAH
- \$972.67
- Total Other Assets**
- **\$4,831.26**

Liabilities & Equity



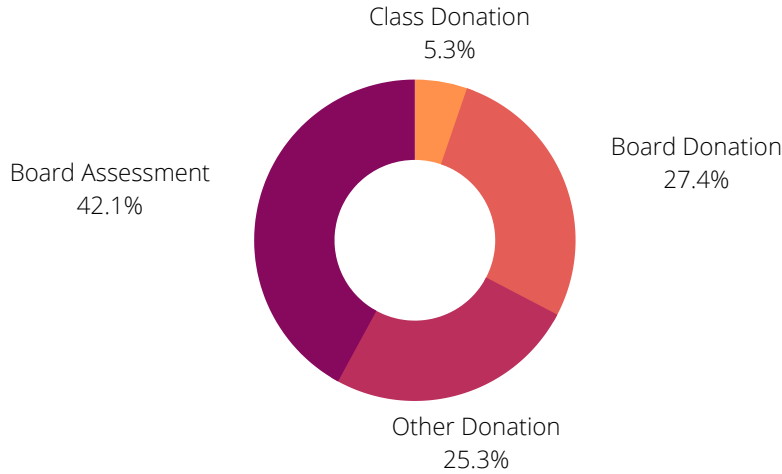
EQUITY

- TDA 529 Equity
- \$751.75
- Net Income Ending 12/31/2019
- \$2,663.58
- Opening Balance Equity
- \$2,785.81
- Unrestricted Net Assets
- \$11,626.79
- Total Liabilities and Assets**
- **\$18,627.92**

FINANCIAL HISTORY

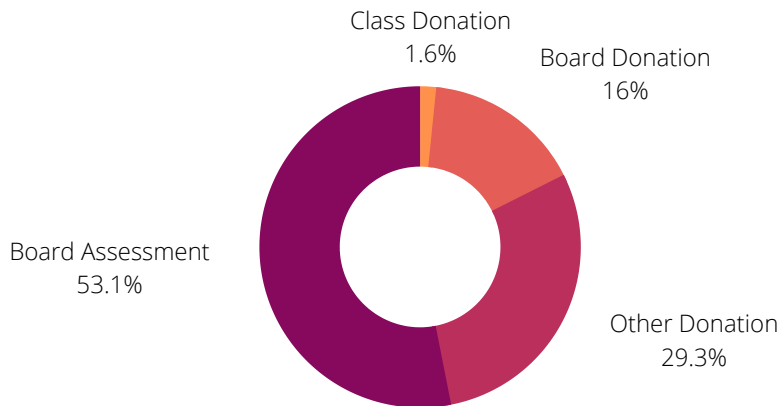


Previous and Current Year Donor Comparison



2019

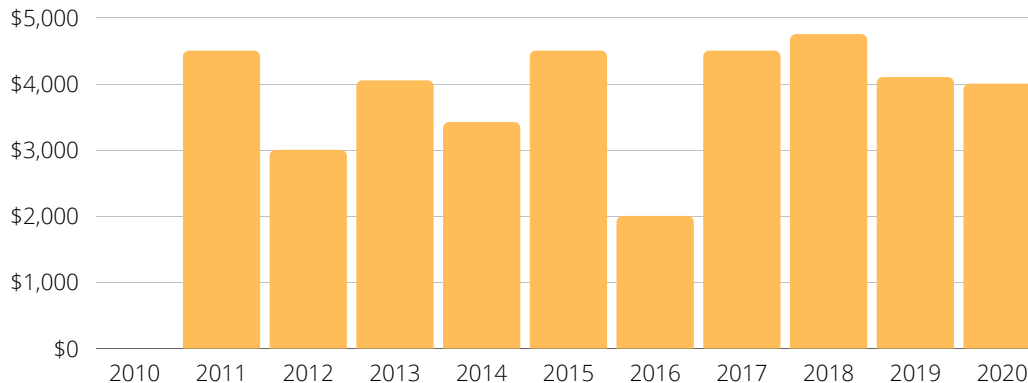
- Class Donation
 - \$275.00
- Board Donation
 - \$1,433.00
- Board Assessment
 - \$2,200.00
- Other Donation
 - \$1,322.00
- Fundraiser
 - \$0.00



2020

- Class Donation
 - \$100.00
- Board Donation
 - \$993.00
- Board Assessment
 - \$3,300.00
- Other Donation
 - \$1,822.00
- Fundraiser
 - \$0.00

Scholarship Award History



Scholarship Total
\$ 38,800.00

DONATION



Donating to the S. P. Charleston Memorial Scholarship Fund is simple and donations of any size are welcomed.

Credit Card

Donations are accepted online.



Check

Can be made out to S.P. Charleston Memorial Scholarship Fund and mailed to:

Ms. Iris Buckner Jesse
Financial Secretary
181 Derby Drive
Riverdale, Georgia 30274



