



Dear Brandon,

The Gates Scholarship (TGS) needs your help in identifying America's top minority students who may be eligible for an exciting, new scholarship.

TGS is a highly selective, full scholarship for exceptional, Pell-eligible, minority, high school seniors. Starting in 2018, the scholarship will be awarded to 300 student leaders each year, with the intent of helping outstanding minority students who come from low-income backgrounds realize their maximum potential.

Scholars will receive funding for the full cost of attendance that is not already covered by other financial aid and the expected family contribution, as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Costs covered include tuition, fees, books, room and board, and may include additional personal costs. TGS also provides Scholars with various online support services designed to help them excel in their degree programs, graduate, and make a successful transition to their chosen careers. These include mentoring, academic support, career and internship guidance, advice, and job opportunities. Gates Scholars will also be connected to a network of accomplished peers that they can tap into for support and advice.

We ask for your assistance in identifying students in your area who may be eligible and to please refer them to us, according to the process described below.

**TO REFER A STUDENT:** Visit the TGS website at [www.thegates scholarship.org](http://www.thegates scholarship.org), click on the tab "[Refer A Student](#)," and follow the instructions. We also urge you to create a [MyTGS Profile](#) to stay up-to-date with news about the scholarship and receive details about our first TGS informational webinar scheduled for June 14, 2017.

**The scholarship application will be available July 15, 2017.**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- A high school senior
- From at least one of the following ethnicities: African American, American Indian/Alaska Native\*, Asian/Pacific Islander American, and/or Hispanic American
- Pell-eligible

- A US citizen, national, or permanent resident
- A minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale

Additionally, a student must plan to enroll full-time, in a four-year degree program, at a US accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university.

\*For American Indian/Alaska Native, proof of tribal enrollment will be required.

**An ideal candidate will have:**

- An outstanding academic record in high school (e.g., be in the top 10% of his/her graduating class)
- Demonstrated leadership ability (e.g., as shown through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities)
- Exceptional personal success skills (e.g., emotional maturity, motivation, perseverance, etc.)

As part of our application process, we will be verifying some student information, including tribal membership for students who identify as American Indian/Alaska Native. Students who are selected as semifinalists will be asked to submit a verification form through their tribal enrollment office to verify membership in their stated nation.

We thank you in advance for helping us identify exceptional candidates, and we wish your students all the best in the application process!

Sincerely,

The Gates Scholarship Team

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## **The Gates Scholarship**

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