

# Expanding Educational Opportunities for Florida's Low-Income Students

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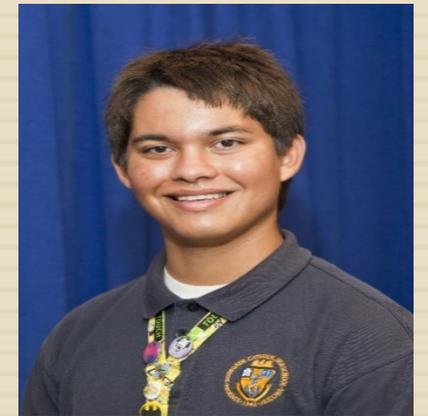
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# AAA Scholarship Foundation

**Mission:** To provide economic assistance to low-income families and families of children with disabilities to enable them to select the best educational setting (up to grade 12) for their children.

**How:** We administer six innovative scholarship programs in four states that pay for educational expenses exclusively for low-income and disabled children.



# Expanding Opportunities

- ❑ **Low-Income:** AAA scholarships benefit children whose household income limits their choice of educational options.
- ❑ **Parental Choice:** Parents use these scholarships to send their children to k-12 private schools that provide the learning environment that best meet the children's particular needs.
- ❑ **Flexibility:** Scholarships are awarded to students, not schools, making them portable.
- ❑ **Schools:** In Florida, over 1,700 approved by the state

**How can you help??**

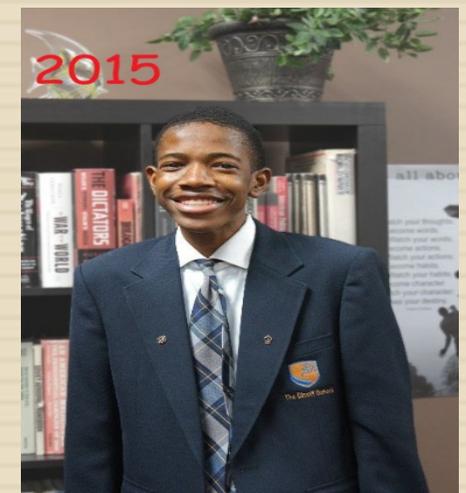


# Quinton Johnson



- Quinton experienced numerous traumatic experiences growing-up and began experiencing academic and behavioral difficulty in middle-school.
- His custodial grandmother was told that he would be assigned to an alternative school.
- She decided that was not the best setting for her grandson and began looking for options.

- She heard about the AAA scholarship from a friend at church and applied with us.
- Quinton received a scholarship and began attending a school that was a better fit for him.
- He graduated with honors and is now studying pre-law at the University of Georgia.



# Colby Townsend

- ❑ Colby Townsend began experiencing trouble in school starting in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- ❑ His parents worked tirelessly to help him as they feared for his future.



- ❑ Ultimately they decided that he needed a different learning environment but could not afford it themselves.
- ❑ His father heard about the AAA scholarship from his HR department at work and applied with us.
- ❑ Colby was awarded a scholarship and is attending a school that is a better fit for him. His grades are up and he loves school again!

# Expanding Opportunities is Easy



## Employers

Ask your HR department if any of your employees might meet the household income requirements. Ask them to include information about the AAA scholarship in your company newsletter or along with paystubs as an added benefit.

## Non-Profit Boards

Ask your Executive Director if the people that your organization serves would benefit from learning about the AAA scholarship. Ask if AAA could partner with your organization to assist you in your mission.

## Private Schools

Ask your Administrator if the school accepts AAA scholarships. If not, why not? Ask them to reach-out to us so that we can explain how the program works and why they should consider participating with us.

## Just Ask!

It takes just a few seconds to talk about the program. Be that “someone” who shares this life-changing program with those in need.

**Spread the word.**

**Make a life-changing difference for a child.**



**Thank You For Your Consideration**



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