UNCF: Investing in better futures® for students and for all of us.

FACT SHEET

NF: Investing In Better Futures…

NF Gets Results

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A mind is a terrible thing to waste®
UNCF Scholarships and Programs Get Results

UNCF scholarships and programs help to put a college education within reach of students from low- and moderate-income families and increase their recipients' chances of graduating. UNCF annually awards more than 12,000 scholarships worth about $70 million.

African American UNCF scholarship recipients have a 70% six-year graduation rate, more than 1.5 times the 42% six-year graduation rate for all African American college students nationwide and higher than the 62% six-year graduation rate for all students. UNCF scholarships' rates of success, extrapolated to the entire population of African American college students, would increase the annual number of African Americans earning college degrees by 15,876 annually, contributing significantly to the country's college completion goals.

UNCF programs include:

- **Fund II/UNCF STEM Scholars Program**: A $48 million initiative designed to create a national pipeline to prepare African American students for careers in technology and innovation.

- **UNCF Emergency Student Aid**: A just-in-time scholarship program that enables UNCF-member college students to meet unexpected financial emergencies, so they can stay in college, graduate and begin their careers.

- **Fidelity Scholars Program**: A $190 million partnership with Fidelity Investments assisting students in certain geographic regions that have mid-level GPAs with scholarship funds and other services attend, thrive and graduate from college.

UNCF Protects the Interests of HBCUs and Their Students

UNCF makes the case, in Washington and around the country, for the importance of HBCUs and college education, for college readiness and every child's right to a strong K-12 education.

- **UNCF and its member HBCU presidents** serve as the voice of students and HBCUs before Congress and federal agencies on education policy and student and institutional aid.

- **UNCF and its member HBCU leaders** take the case for education to national and local audiences through speeches, op-ed columns, articles and other communication media.

- **UNCF** works with grassroots and grasstops local leadership organizations in communities around the country to make sure that when better schools and education reform are discussed, parents and other citizens of color are at the table, and that all students—not just some students—receive an education before college that prepares them for success in college.
UNCF Students Need Your Support

A disproportionate number of African American students face obstacles in going to and graduating from college.

• Seventy-three percent of all UNCF HBCU undergraduate students came from families whose income was low enough that they received Pell Grants, the federal government’s principal low-income student aid program, compared to 36% of their non-HBCU peers.

• Only 6% of African Americans who took the ACT college entrance exam met college-readiness benchmarks in English, reading, math and science, compared to 25% for all students.

• Fifty-four percent of all African American high school graduates enrolled in college, compared to 65% for all high school students.

• Forty-five percent of African American college students graduated from college within six years, compared with 64% for all students.

America Invests in UNCF

Students look to UNCF for the education they need. And UNCF looks to you.

• Hundreds of thousands of individuals, corporations and foundations have contributed more than $5 billion to send students to and through college since the organization began in 1944.

• Charity Navigator gives UNCF four out of four stars, and The Chronicle of Philanthropy ranks it among the country’s top charitable organizations. UNCF maintained a cost ratio of 12% of total expenses—4% for administrative costs and 8% for fundraising in fiscal year 2022.
Endnotes

1. The UNCF Fact Sheet: An Annual Snapshot of Key Statistics, p. 2, UNCF Impact
2. The UNCF Fact Sheet: An Annual Snapshot of Key Statistics, p. 3, Other notable HBCU facts
3. The UNCF Fact Sheet: An Annual Snapshot of Key Statistics, p. 2 UNCF Impact
4. The UNCF Fact Sheet: An Annual Snapshot of Key Statistics, p. 3, HBCUs Impact
5. The UNCF Fact Sheet: An Annual Snapshot of Key Statistics, p. 3, Other Notable HBCU facts
6. The UNCF Fact Sheet: An Annual Snapshot of Key Statistics, p. 3, HBCUs Impacts
8. The UNCF Fact Sheet: An Annual Snapshot of Key Statistics, p. 3, Other notable HBCU facts
9. HBCUs Make America Strong, p. 5
12. The UNCF Fact Sheet: An Annual Snapshot of Key Statistics, p. 2, UNCF Scholarship Impacts
15. Represents the average of the percentages across institutions. four-year non-HBCU figure includes four-year public and private non-profit Title IV participating and U.S. service institutions. UNCF Patterson Institute special tabulations of data from the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, 2020 data collection year.
20. Charity Navigator website

A. These institutions include: 1) Howard University, 2) Spelman College, 3) University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 4) University of Maryland, College Park, 5) North Carolina A&T State University, 6) Florida A&M University, 7) University of Florida, 8) Morehouse College, 9) Hampton University, 10) University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.