

Newsletter – June 2020

The RUDOLPH W. SNOWDEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.



BACKGROUND



Bro. Rudolph W. Snowden

The *Rudolph W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc.* (RWSMSF) was established and incorporated by Mu Nu Chapter on March 6, 1978, in the State of Maryland. RWSMSF was named to honor the memory of Rudolph W. Snowden who was the principal founder and a charter member of Mu Nu Chapter, an unincorporated association of the [Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.](#)

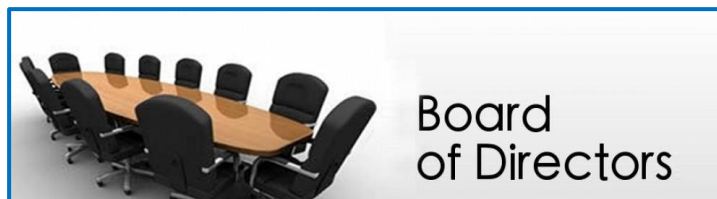
[Inc.](#) RWSMSF aims to increase the number of African-American Males attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and to assist in the preservation of HBCUs by providing financial incentives to qualifying and deserving Montgomery County (Maryland) Public School African-American Male graduating high school seniors enrolling at HBCUs.

RWSMSF annually considers scholarship applications from qualifying and deserving African-American male, high school graduating seniors from [Montgomery County Public Schools](#) (MCPS) in Maryland who will be attending HBCUs. Final issuance of scholarship awards is contingent upon award selectees providing verification of enrollment from their chosen HBCU for the academic year immediately following their award selection.

The RWSMSF Board of Directors (the “Board”) may annually select one or more awardees and scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each. Awardees may apply their scholarships toward tuition, fees or other expenses.

RWSMSF is an authorized nonprofit in the State of Maryland and an IRS-approved [section 501\(c\)\(3\) charitable organization](#) eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions under Tax Identification No. 52-1102842.

ADMINISTRATION

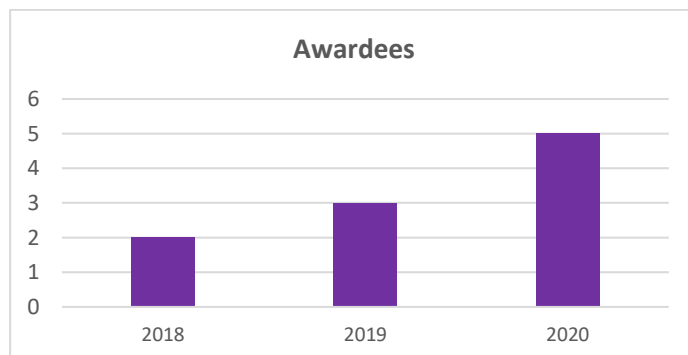


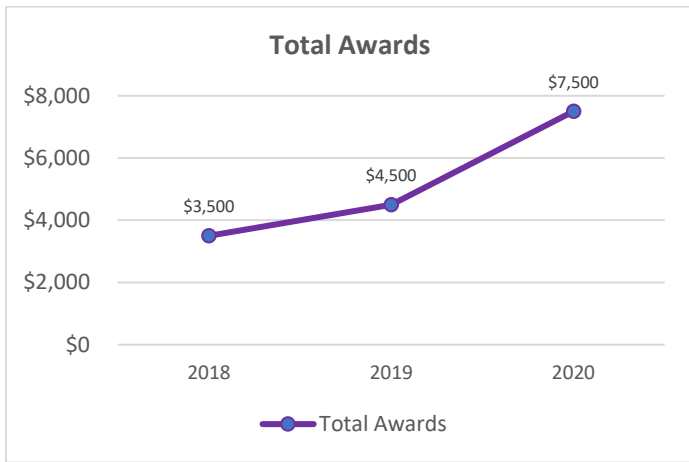
The Board of Directors seeks eligible Brothers for membership consideration who are fully-financial members of Mu Nu Chapter in good standing with Omega Psi Phi and willing to donate \$250 annually to RWSMSF. Board duties and commitment include attending and actively participating in regular and special meetings to provide input, ideas and support to further the business and objectives of RWSMSF, which focus on increasing the number of African-American males attending colleges and universities, and preserving HBCUs. Contact President, Bro. Robert J. Jamison, Jr. at (301) 452-1303 if interested.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The RWSMSF Board conducted this year’s annual scholarship applications review meeting via teleconference on Saturday, May 30, 2020. This year’s awardees boast five exceptional candidates with impressive academic credentials, considerable scholastic and community activities, commendable recommendations, and promising futures. They hail from five MCPS schools and will receive a combined total of \$7,500. The five awardees reflect a 40% increase over 2019 (three) and a 67% increase in the monetary award (\$4,500). Furthermore, the five awardees reflect a 60% increase over 2018 (two) and a 115% increase in the monetary award (\$3,500).

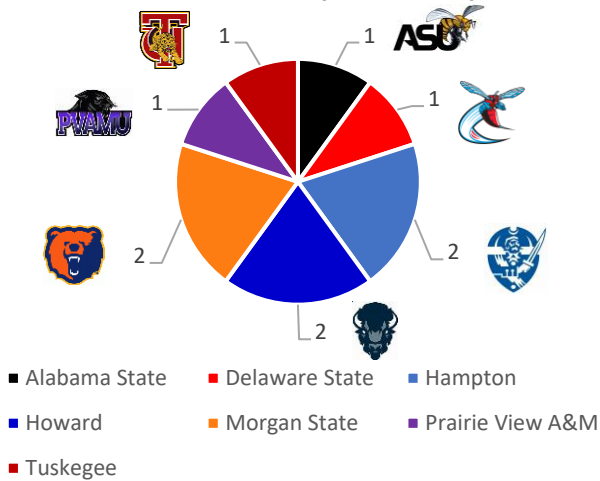
The scholarships for 2018, 2019 and 2020 total ten awardees and \$15,500 in monetary awards.





This year's awardees plan to enroll at four different HBCUs – Alabama State, Delaware State, Hampton & Morgan State – in four states – Alabama, Delaware, Maryland & Virginia. When added to the 2018 and 2019 awardees, the RWSMSF awardees will represent seven HBCUs – adding Howard & Tuskegee – in five states – adding Texas – plus the District of Columbia.

Chosen HBCUs (2018-2020)



2020 Awardees
(in alphabetical order)



Joshua Holloway

Richard Montgomery H.S.
 – GPA 3.12 / WGPA 3.67
 – President of Montgomery County NAACP Youth Council, Teen Legislative Chairman for Montgomery County Jack & Jill, Wrestling, Aviation programs

Delaware State University

– Scholarship Award: **\$1,500**
 – Major: Aeronautics, Minor: Business
 – Goal: Commercial Pilot & Entrepreneur



Donovan D. McFadden

Northwest H.S.
 – GPA 3.56 / WGPA 4.26
 – Dance Captain, National & Spanish Honor Societies, International Thespian Honor Society, Camp Counselor, CEO/Owner “Stitched Clothing Design”

Alabama State University

– Scholarship Award: **\$1,500**
 – Major: Theater (Dance)
 – Goal: Professional Dancer



Maurice C. Moore III

James Hubert Blake H.S.
 – GPA 3.47 / WGPA 4.07
 – Honors Vocal Ensemble, Leaders Institute MD, JV Baseball, Achieving College Excellence & Success (ACES)

Morgan State University

– Scholarship Award: **\$1,500**
 – Major: Music (Vocal Performance)
 – Minor: Business (Entrepreneurship)
 – Goal: Professional Singer & Entertainer

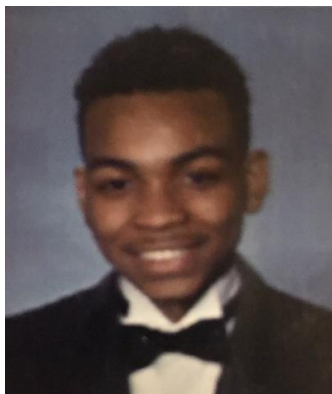


Mohon E. Djouha

Damascus H.S.
 – GPA 3.14 / WGPA 3.60
 – Co-ed Volleyball (Captain & MVP), JV Football, Counseling Aide, Camp Counselor

Morgan State University

– Scholarship Award: **\$1,000**
 – Major: Sports Administration
 – Goal: Sports Marketing & Promotions Executive



Aaron E. Triplett

Northwood H.S.
 – GPA 3.73 / WGPA 3.84
 – Choreographer for Washington Performing Arts Children of the Gospel, National Honor Society, Teaching Assistant, Toastmasters International

Hampton University

– Scholarship Award: **\$2,000**
 – Major: Aeronautics
 – Minor: Business
 – Goal: Songwriter & Music Producer

MCPS HBCU FAIR

The Board of Directors participated in the 12th Annual HBCU Fair at The Universities at Shady Grove in Rockville, MD, on Friday, January 24, 2020. Board members Bros. Jamison, Manigault and Edmonds attended to represent RWSMSF along with other Mu Nu Brothers who attended in support of the fair.

The event focused on students in grades 8-12 where more than 1500 students and families attended, and more than 60 HBCU representatives were on hand with representatives of the Divine Nine. The fair marked the Board's second consecutive year in attendance and the Board looks forward to participating in the future.

Photos by Secretary Bro. Troy Manigault.



Photo 1. Bros. Jamison, Edmonds and Dickerson await start of HBCU fair.



Photo 2. Bro. Jamison speaks with the mother of 2018 awardee, Darin McFadden (Prairie View A&M) and Darin's brother, Donovan (Alabama State), an eventual 2020 awardee.



Photo 3. Bro. Edmonds speaks with a student about a scholarship.

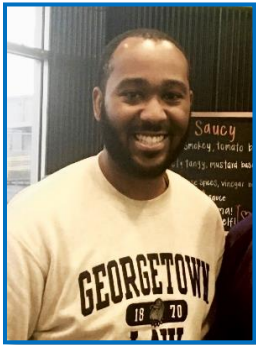


Photo 4. Bro. Jamison explains application process with a parent.



Photo 5. Bro. Gregory talks with aspiring scholarship applicant.

UPDATE



Congratulations to Winzelle Steele, Jr., on passing the New York State Bar in February 2020. Winzelle is a 2009 RWSMSF awardee who graduated from Gaithersburg, H.S., Morehouse College, and the Georgetown University Law Center in 2019. He aspires to be a corporate attorney.

DONATE

The Board would appreciate your generous, tax-deductible donations to help us continue sending African-American male MCPS high school graduating seniors to HBCUs. Please consider donating to RWSMSF via one of the following methods

- Zelle: rwsmsf@hotmail.com
- Cash App: RWSMSF
- Check: Payable to "RWSMSF, Inc." and mailed to R.W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. P.O. Box 10607 Silver Spring, MD 20914

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