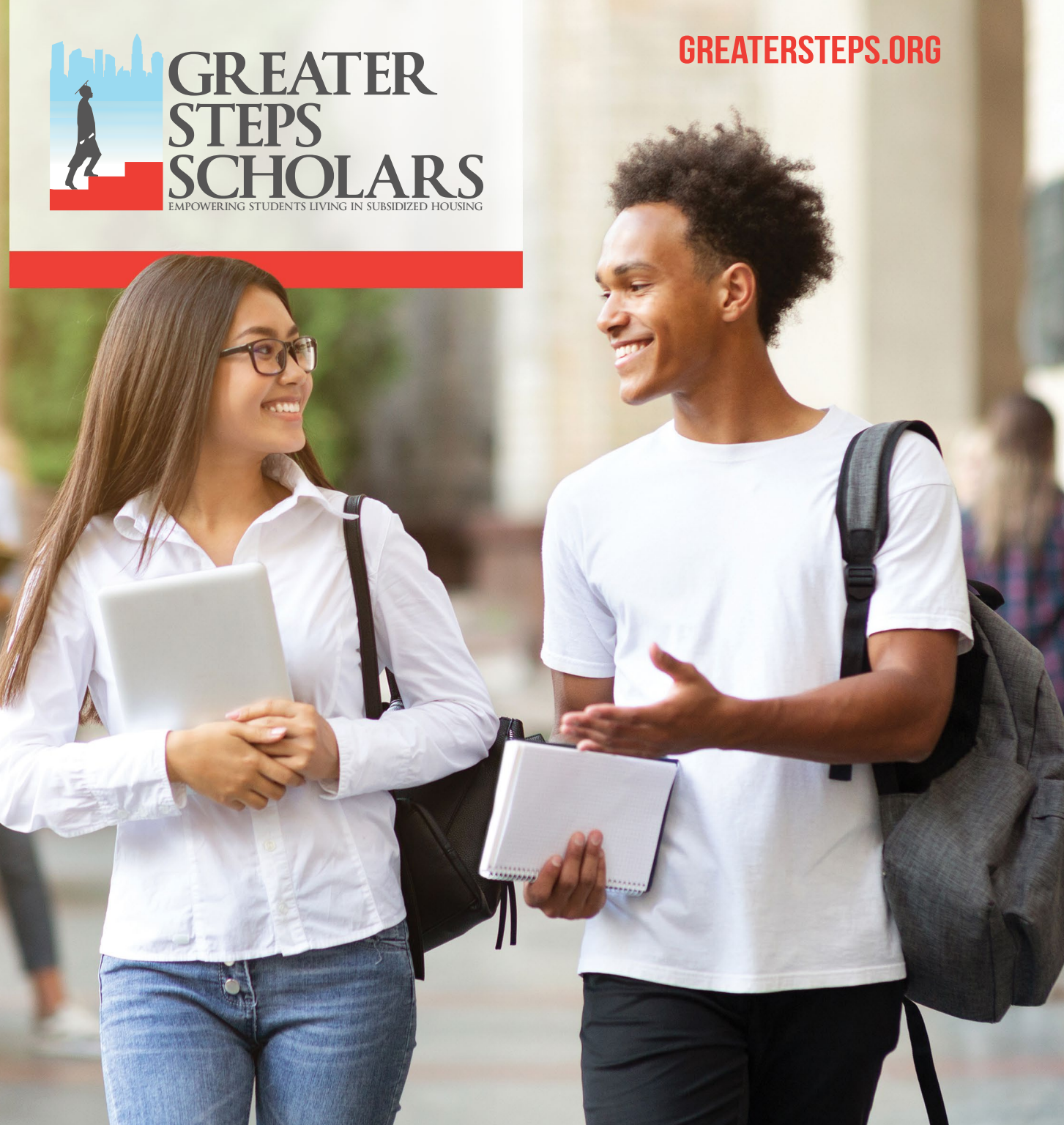




OUR MISSION

The mission of Greater Steps Scholars (formerly the Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund) is to provide every child living in Charlotte subsidized housing an opportunity for an expectation of a college education.

We believe financial access to a post-secondary education, combined with emotional support and social capital will create viable paths to self-sufficiency and economic mobility for under-resourced students.



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WHEN CAN I APPLY?

Greater Steps Scholars has a 5-month open enrollment application period each year. Students can only apply during open enrollment to be considered for a scholarship.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application released	October 16, 2020
Application closes	March 5, 2021
Scholarships are awarded	May 14, 2021

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION GREATERSTEPS.ORG

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Steps Lead You *Out*. Greater Steps Lead You *Up*.

Founded in 1983 by John T. Crawford, the mission of The Greater Steps Scholars is to make certain that every child living in Charlotte's subsidized housing communities has both the opportunity for and expectation of a college education.

Greater Steps Scholars is a non-profit that relies on private donations for our educational scholarships. Our programming benefits students living in INLIVIAN-managed residences.

Greater Steps Scholars is designed to inspire youth to become self-reliant citizens of the community by lending a helping hand to young people with the desire, but not the funds, to pursue postsecondary education. Our programming considers the entire picture of what a student needs to succeed, providing one-on-one mentorship, coaching through career prep, life skill and financial workshops, and exposure to potential career opportunities in addition to financial aid.

WHO WE SERVE

Our programming and scholarships benefit students living in INLIVIAN-managed residences. For young people with a desire to achieve, but lack adequate financial means, Greater Steps can provide up to five years of scholarships, structured one-on-one mentoring, career, financial and life skill workshops, and lifelong connections. Our holistic program is designed to inspire students to become independent, self-reliant members of their communities.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be residents of public housing owned or managed by INLIVIAN (including the Housing Choice Voucher program) and be named as an occupant in a current lease for at least one year prior to the scholarship application deadline.

Applicants attending college, vocation or technical school for the first time must not be over 21 years of age as of September 1 of the school year for which the scholarship award is to be made.

Applicants already attending or who have previously attended a college, vocational or technical school must not be over 24 years of age as of September 1 of the school year for which the scholarship award is to be made.

BY THE NUMBERS

OVER **\$3.8** MILLION
IN SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED SINCE 1983

940 CHARLOTTE
YOUTH

75 COLLEGES

Greater Steps Scholars has provided more than \$3.8 million in scholarships to nearly 940 Charlotte youth. In addition, these students have attended more than 75 colleges, universities, and trade schools.

HOW MUCH SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE CAN I RECEIVE?

INCOMING FRESHMEN

- GPA between 2.0-2.99 will receive \$1,500
- GPA of 3.0 or higher will be eligible to receive \$2,500

CURRENT COLLEGE/VOCATIONAL STUDENTS

- GPA between 2.0-2.99 will receive \$1,500
- GPA of 3.0-3.49 will receive \$2,500
- GPA of 3.5 and higher will receive \$4,000

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