

24-25 IMPACT REPORT



TORCH FELLOWS

GRADES 9-12

344 TORCH FELLOWS
36% INCREASE FROM 2023-2024



87% FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS*



\$38,582 MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



92% PELL GRANT-ELIGIBLE*



52 HIGH SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

5 PT AVERAGE SENIOR ACT GROWTH
23 - AVERAGE SENIOR ACT (US - 19.7 | NC - 18.5)**

57% MET 3+ ACT BENCHMARKS
32% MET ALL BENCHMARKS (US - 22% | NC - 17%)**

99% COLLEGE ENROLLMENT
4-YEAR (92%) | 2-YEAR (7%)

\$25M SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS EARNED
\$10M SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS REDEEMED

68% OF SENIORS ATTENDING COLLEGE DEBT-FREE
82% OF BORROWERS LESS THAN NC AVERAGE (\$9K/YR)

*BASED ON 78 SENIORS IN THE CLASS OF 2025 | **COMPARISON DATA BASED ON NON-FIRST GEN TESTERS

OUR MISSION

SINCE 2018

Carolina Youth Coalition (CYC) nurtures and propels high-achieving, under-resourced students to and through college.

PROGRAMS

FUTURE FELLOWS

A two-week summer experience for rising 9th-grade Fellows combining academic skill-building in Math and English with career exploration through visits to various local companies.

TORCH FELLOWS

A robust, multi-year college access program for 9-12th graders that provides mentorship, academic support, career exploration, and financial guidance to help Fellows identify, gain admission to, and pay for a best-fit college with minimal debt.

COLLEGE FELLOWS

Comprehensive college success support from college entry to graduation through case management, career coaching, and emergency financial assistance, ensuring Fellows earn their degree and enter the workforce as capable, confident leaders.

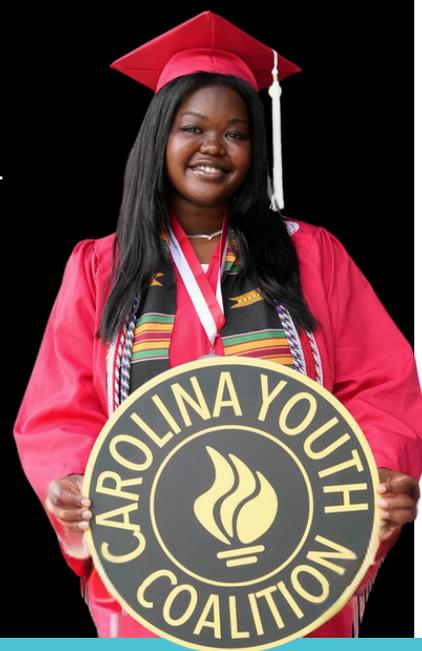




IN FALL 2025, CYC FELLOWS WILL BE ATTENDING OR WILL HAVE GRADUATED FROM 60 INSTITUTIONS IN 22 STATES:

- APPALACHIAN STATE ^
- BEREA COLLEGE ^
- BIRMGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY
- BROWN UNIVERSITY ^
- CENTRAL PIEDMONT CC ^**
- COLBY COLLEGE
- COLGATE UNIVERSITY
- COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
- DARTMOUTH COLLEGE**
- DAVIDSON COLLEGE
- DREXEL UNIVERSITY
- DUKE UNIVERSITY
- EAST CAROLINA UNIV.
- EASTERN CONNECTICUT ST.^
- ELON UNIVERSITY**
- EMORY UNIVERSITY
- FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIV.**
- FURMAN UNIVERSITY ^
- GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY ^
- GEORGIA TECH ^
- GRINNELL COLLEGE ^
- GUILFORD COLLEGE
- HAMPTON UNIVERSITY
- HOWARD UNIVERSITY ^**
- JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIV.
- LIBERTY UNIVERSITY^
- MEREDITH COLLEGE
- NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
- NC STATE UNIVERSITY ^**
- NORTH CAROLINA A&T ^**
- NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL QUEENS UNIVERSITY ^**
- RHODES COLLEGE ^
- RICE UNIVERSITY
- RICHMOND UNIVERSITY
- ROANOKE COLLEGE
- ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN
- SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN
- STANFORD UNIVERSITY**
- SPELMAN COLLEGE
- UNC ASHEVILLE
- UNC CHAPEL HILL ^**
- UNC CHARLOTTE ^**
- UNC GREENSBORO ^**
- UNC WILMINGTON ^
- UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI ^
- UNIVERSITY OF NW OHIO
- UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
- UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA ^
- UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND
- UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CAL.
- UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA**
- VIRGINIA TECH**
- WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY ^**
- WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
- WHEATON COLLEGE
- WINGATE UNIVERSITY
- WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY
- WOFFORD COLLEGE ^**
- YALE UNIVERSITY**

BOLD = CLASS OF 2025 ATTENDING
 ^COLLEGES THAT FELLOWS HAVE GRADUATED FROM SINCE 2018



COLLEGE FELLOWS AND ALUMNI

209 COLLEGE FELLOWS
 36% INCREASE FROM 2023-2024

 54% ATTENDED UNC SYSTEM SCHOOLS

97% FIRST-YEAR RETENTION RATE

93% OF UPPERCLASSMEN REMAINED ON TRACK TO GRADUATE

94% OF ALL COLLEGE FELLOWS HAVE COMPLETED A DEGREE OR WORKFORCE PROGRAM WITHIN 6YRS

97% TWO- AND 4-YEAR GRADUATION RATE
 57 COLLEGE GRADUATES SINCE 2018

45% CYC'S FIRST THREE COHORTS OF ALUMNI EARN AN AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME OF \$58,000 – 45% MORE THAN THEIR PARENTS' HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF \$40,000.

92% OF CYC ALUMNI ARE EARNING MORE THAN THEIR PARENTS.

