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Dear Graduating Senior

The Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc. (IDSEF) provides scholarships to prospective college students who meet specific academic and extra-curricular eligibility requirements. IDSEF is an outgrowth of Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., based in Prince William County, Virginia, which has provided key support to the local community for more than 40 years. Since 1994, the Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund has provided scholarships valued at more than \$350,000 to more than 250 graduating high school seniors in the Washington DC Metropolitan area. Each year, IDSEF distributes over \$25,000 in various scholarships.

Since its founding in 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek letter organization founded by African Americans, has spearheaded educational, mentoring, social action, and leadership development programs for the benefit of our communities. In the ensuing 116 years, Alpha's footprint and influence have grown tremendously and the fraternity numbers approximately 800 chapters throughout the United States, in the Caribbean, Africa, Europe, and Asia.

We include among the brotherhood some of the most prominent names in American society, including the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; political figures such as Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Senator Raphael Warnock, Representatives Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. and Charles Rangel, and United States Vice President Hubert Humphrey; noted scholars Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, and Dr. Cornel West; business leaders John H. Johnson and Robert Smith; military leaders such as U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff General Charles Q. Brown, Jr. and Original Tuskegee Airman Brigadier General Charles McGee; entertainment and media figures Duke Ellington, Hill Harper, Omari Hardwick, Roland Martin, Paul Robeson, and Stuart Scott; and sports legends such as Olympian Jesse Owens, Coach Eddie Robinson, pro players and coaches Art Shell, Wes Unseld and Lenny Wilkens, and Gene Upshaw, the former head of the NFL Players Association.

The IDSEF scholarship application, including eligibility criteria and detailed instructions for completing the application package, can be downloaded at <https://idsef.foundation> and/or accessible via the QR Code below. Applications must be emailed to IDSEFScholarship@gmail.com by midnight April 15, 2023, and must be accompanied by copy of your official transcript and the summary page from your Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The application form also includes an essay in which you should explain why you selected your major and college/university, along with your plans to use your degree and college experience to benefit society.

Alpha Phi Alpha, Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter, and IDSEF pride ourselves investing in education to produce leaders who can change the world, and we look forward to receiving your application. Please do not hesitate to contact me at IDSEFScholarship@gmail.com for further information or if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Anthony T. Walker
Scholarship Committee Chair
Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc.



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2023 Scholarship Programs

IDSEF awards three types of scholarships to graduating high school seniors in the Virginia counties of Prince William, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Stafford, and the independent cities within these counties; the District of Columbia; and Prince Georges County, Maryland

I. The Traditional IDSEF Scholarship is open to any male graduating high school senior who have earned a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or better on 4.0 scale, and plans to attend a four-year college or university.

II. The Rainer Historically Black College or University (HBCU) Scholarship, sponsored by the Rainer's Grace Donor Fund and LR Associates, LLC, a Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business that provides logistics support; facilities management; program management; and security and intelligence solutions. This scholarship is open to all graduating high school seniors who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on 4.0 scale and plan to attend an accredited four-year HBCU.

III. The Blackwell Cyber Scholarship is sponsored by Cytech Systems, LLC, a consulting services company based in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area that specializes in meeting demand for cutting-edge secure technology systems and infrastructure used in mission-critical environments of the Intelligence Community. This scholarship is open to all graduating high school seniors who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on 4.0 scale and plan to Information Technology oriented majors at a four-year college or university.

Applicants may receive only one of the above IDSEF scholarships. Children or dependents of members of the Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Incorporated are not eligible to receive these scholarships.