

May 3, 2022

Dear Potential Sponsor:

Launching Educational Assistance Programs Forward, Inc. (LEAP Forward, Inc.), a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, has been tirelessly devoted to preparing underrepresented youth for their future. For nearly 21 years, LEAP Forward has provided college and career readiness programs throughout the local community with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Since 2013, we have sustained our award-winning National Society of Black Engineers Pre-College Initiative Program for K-12 students. We established the Destined for Success mentoring program in 2014 which has served 100 high school females in a Calvert County High School. To date, we have awarded over 300 scholarships (totaling more than \$250,000) and our scholarship recipients are now working at large businesses and federal agencies. We eagerly continue this mission work to ensure that these youth evolve into capable adults, sustaining themselves throughout their lifetimes.

| High Schools Attended | |
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|  Calvert High School |  Great Mills High School |
|  Huntingtown High School |  Northern High School |
|  Patuxent High School |  Thomas Stone High School |

| Colleges Attended | |
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|  MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY |  NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY |
|  The University of Vermont |  HOWARD UNIVERSITY |
|  MOREHOUSE COLLEGE |  Temple University |
|  THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL |  UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND |
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|  U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY |  FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION |
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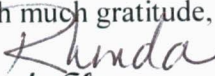
LEAP Forward, Inc., is reaching out to ask you to partner with us so that together we can continue to support the future college and career goals of the underrepresented youth in Calvert and in the other Southern Maryland counties and the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area. In doing so, these youth gain access to a future brighter than they can imagine.

Our goal is to raise \$40,000 by June 30, 2022, to enable us to increase our scholarship awards to \$1,500 for each scholarship recipient in 2023. Additional funds above our scholarship goal will be used for our STEM program. Contributing partners will be recognized at our Virtual Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony. It will be held on July 26, 2022, at 7PM on our YouTube Channel: LEAP Forward inc at <https://youtube.com/channel/UCbmGOe3or3kiF4ctu1qkklg> YouTube -- LEAP Forward inc.

Through this partnership, LEAP Forward, Inc., gains the financial support to continue its mission, and you receive the satisfaction of knowing that your support will produce an educated workforce and productive citizens. All contributions are 100% tax deductible.

Details on the sponsorship levels are listed on the following page.

Please join us in supporting this important work.

With much gratitude,

Rhonda Thomas
Rhonda Thomas
Board President

Over, please

**Launching Educational Assistance Programs Forward, Inc. (LEAP Forward, Inc.)
Sponsorship Form**

Partner Information

Business/Organization/Individual: _____

Contact Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsorship Levels

___ Double Platinum Sponsor: Specify Amount Above \$1,000: _____

___ Platinum Sponsor: \$1,000

___ Diamond Sponsor: \$500

___ Gold Sponsor: \$250

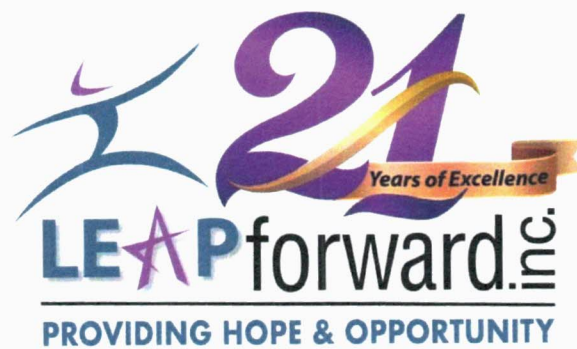
All sponsors will be recognized on our website, in our news release, our social media and at our Virtual Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony on July 26, 2022.

Make check payable to LEAP Forward, Inc., P.O. Box 373, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. **Please mail your donation with this sponsorship form by June 30, 2022.**

Donations can also be submitted online. PayPal donations should be made to Leapforwardinc@yahoo.com. CashApp donations should be sent to \$leap4ward.

THANK YOU.

Supporting Documentation



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PROGRAMS FORWARD INC
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Employer ID number: **-***9397
Form 990 required: YES

Dear Taxpayer:

We're responding to your request dated Jan. 27, 2022, about your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in July 2001, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

We also show you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading of this letter, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If you're required to file a return, you must file one of the following by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of your annual accounting period:

- Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
- Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

According to IRC Section 6033(j), if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for 3 consecutive years, we'll revoke your tax-exempt status on the due date of the 3rd required return or notice.

You can get IRS forms or publications you need from our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.,

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local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific time).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Teri M. Johnson
Operations Manager, AM Ops. 3

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JOHN C. WOBENSMITH
SECRETARY OF STATE

May 18, 2021

Launching Educational Assistance Programs Forward, Inc.
2290 Adelina Road
Prince Frederick, MD 20678-3786

Dear Chief Executive Officer:

Thank you for submitting the materials required to maintain your charitable registration in the State of Maryland. The information you submitted is in proper order, and your registration has been renewed.

Please retain this letter for your files, as it certifies that your registration is current with the Office of the Secretary of State until **6/30/2022**. At that time, your next financial report and the appropriate renewal information and fee should be filed with our office. If the next financial report is not completed by the due date, an extension until **11/15/2022** has been granted.

Your registration number is 12763. Please include your registration number in all communications with this office.

If you have any questions, please contact the Charities and Legal Services Division at (410)974-5534 or DLcharity_SOS@maryland.gov.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John C. Wobensmith".

John C. Wobensmith
Secretary of State

Testimonials

May 2, 2022

To those who wish to impact the next generation
My LEAP Forward experience

Hello,

I am Dia Brown; I graduated from the University of Vermont in December 2021 with my bachelor's degree in civil engineering. I am continuing my education this Fall at Penn State where I am pursuing a PhD in architectural engineering with a structural focus. I also have the honor of being one of the recipients of the College of Engineering Dean's Assistantship, which is fully covering my living expenses and tuition.

My LEAP Forward Inc. journey begins when I met the President, Rhonda Thomas in high school at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Harriet Elizabeth Brown community center. She started up a conversation with me and learned that I was passionate about the environment. She suggested I consider environmental engineering and invited me to come with her for a conference around Black women in STEM. At first, I wasn't too interested, but said I would go. At that conference, I learned about many types of engineering; I learned what an environmental engineer does; I learned that you could have a career in material science. From that moment on, I became invested in engineering and felt comfortable in the field because LEAP Forward Inc. was invested in me.

LEAP Forward Inc. provided me college counseling that I would not have otherwise received. I learned about and joined the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) through this organization. Because of this opportunity, I not only learned about environmental engineering, but came to understand other types of engineering. I had access to people who looked like me in those fields, which was something I was not getting at UVM. During my junior year, I switched to civil engineering. Part of that decision was from what I learned about this field through LEAP Forward Inc.

Because of my connection to LEAP Forward Inc. and joining NSBE, I received the first NSBE Founder's Scholarship, which was \$5,000. This money, along with university and LEAP Forward scholarships allowed me to go to UVM my first year.

I also was supported financially through LEAP Forward Inc. I paid for my tuition on my own, so the scholarships throughout those four years from LEAP Forward allowed me to work less hours and focus more on classes. When I ended up needing an extra semester, LEAP Forward provided me scholarship to finish out that final semester. I also built a supportive relationship with the sponsor of that scholarship, who still emails me from time to time and even supported me in my hobby of creative writing.

Care packages and affirmations also came my way through LEAP Forward Inc. This support boosted my morale during low points in my college career and I am incredibly grateful.

I support this organization and know this work needs to continue because I would not be going for my PhD today without the continual support LEAP Forward has given me every step of the way. From High School to undergraduate graduation, LEAP Forward has provided me financial and emotional care that is so desperately needed during college. This organization is a shining example of how this kind of support can change a life. I am one of many this organization has helped, and I hope to see this continue long into the future.

Thank you,

Dia

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Posts



Liked by ron.t_theoutdoorsman and 108 others

iyaaawn_t it's Official. After years of work, I am happy to announce that I will be spending my next 4 years at the illustrious North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University to pursue Computer Engineering.

I want to thank my parents and sister for being my closest supporters. Big shoutout to Erica Roberts, Tanika Mangum, and Rhonda Thomas for years of guidance, support, and patience. Couldn't have done it without y'all!! Go Aggies!!



I am writing to express my gratitude to the Calvert County chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE C.A.S.H) as well as to its founding members. My experience with NSBE began while I was in middle school and continued all the way into college. Once I committed to becoming a more active member in the chapter, I was exposed to some great peers who were like minded and driven to learn and compete. I was also given the opportunity to travel while in high school to the national and regional NSBE conventions to listen to prominent members in the STEM field speak as well as compete in various competitions in Florida, Pittsburgh, and Indianapolis.

Throughout my time with the C.A.S.H chapter of NSBE I participated in numerous team competitions such as Data Driven Design, Full Business Presentation, Ten80 RC Racing, Elevator Pitch Presentation, and a Team Math competition. All of these competitions improved my ability to act under pressure, my critical thinking skills, public speaking skills, time management skills, as well as leadership skills. The Business Presentation and Elevator Pitch competitions especially helped me to become more confident when communicating my ideas to others, both in business and personally. In my senior year of high school, I was given the honor of receiving the National Golden Torch Male Pre-Collegiate Student of the Year Award which helped me to make connections with numerous recruiting teams of businesses for after college graduation.

My time with NSBE in high school helped me to build a fantastic resume for college which aided me in receiving admission and scholarship to every school I applied to, numbering over five. Each of these experiences through NSBE had opportunities to develop leadership, something that I later realized was a large part of my success after high school. NSBE's large contribution to my life did not end in high school, it continued with Ms. Rhonda and other NSBE leaders awarding me a scholarship to help with my costs of attending Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA. I have recently graduated from Morehouse College in fall 2021 Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in Physics and a minor in Mathematics. This degree as well as some other experiences I had throughout college guided me towards a career in Business Consulting where I could use my analytical skills to solve problems and learn more about business. Starting in October of 2022 I will start working at McKinsey & Company full time in Atlanta, GA as a business consultant.

As I move forward to the next stage of my life, I would like to thank those who helped me to reach this point. Being a member of NSBE exposed me to so many great opportunities at a young age that I feel most students are not aware of until midway through college. I am forever grateful to Ms. Rhonda and the rest of the NSBE leadership team for the encouragement, support, and opportunities to grow that they provided throughout middle and high school.

— Malcolm Brown

The STEM experience at NASA WALLOPS ISLAND – May 2022.



Impacts – Actual Survey Data

- I enjoyed going to see the mission control center because it reminded me of Independence Day the movie.
- I learned about how the weather and NOAA is associated with NASA and it motivated me to learn about Aerospace.
- The rocket launch was fun.
- I learned that you do not have to have a degree to work at NASA.
- I enjoyed seeing and visiting the structures, buildings and displays. I learned a lot and I now know more about engineering.
- I really enjoyed viewing the facility where the rockets are made and the launch pads.
- I loved all the new things I learned about NASA and rockets.
- I enjoyed NASA because I love aeronautics.
- I love science.
- I learned that there is a 750 ft tower.
- Seeing the rockets and that a rocket can hold thousands of pounds.
- Watching and seeing rockets because they are cool.
- I enjoyed learning about what people at NASA do and how they got there. I enjoyed seeing the places where they work.
- I enjoyed watching them shoot rockets.
- I learned rockets have to be launched toward the wind.
- The trip to see rockets excited me.
- Loved seeing all the kids learn something new. What an opportunity for us all!