



## Seedling Mentees Win Scholarship Award

Through generous private donations, the Seedling Foundation has had the privilege of offering our 8th grade Seedling mentees the opportunity to compete for a \$5,000.00 scholarship for higher education, to be bestowed upon graduation and postsecondary enrollment. We are delighted to announce that four Seedling mentees were awarded the prize this year. Please enjoy some thoughts and declarations from Seedling's 2017 winning essays.

*"My mentor believes in me, and with every little word of motivation, she causes a little spark to light up inside of me. We both have the same goal which is for me to be the first person in my family to walk the stage while I receive my degree from college."*

*"I jumped to the opportunity to do this essay and win to show disadvantaged people that they can achieve big things. All they have to do is stay in school and be great."*

*"My Mom gave me the best blessing when she asked for me to have a mentor. She has helped my mom make me the young woman I am today."*

*"If I go to college, I will be the first generation in my family to go, and I can be an example for my sisters and brothers to follow."*

