



**READY**, a nonprofit dedicated to transforming education in Rochester, advances its mission to increase access to quality K-12 schools for local families by activating informed families, cultivating highly effective talent, promoting supportive policies, and launching and sustaining innovative schools that Rochester's students and families want.

The **READY STARS Scholarship Fund** helps address the critical gap in representation by supporting future educators who reflect the identities and experiences of the students they serve. Supported by READY's annual **Bowling 4 STARS** event, the Fund invests in African American high school graduates from the Rochester City School District and area charter schools to pursue careers in education.

The READY STARS Scholarship Fund is made possible thanks to the incredible support of our community. Together, we're building a more diverse and effective teaching workforce, ensuring that every student has access to educators who inspire and reflect their experiences.

### **Scholarship Amount**

Five (5) \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded and disbursed in installments as follows:

- \$1,000 paid at the beginning of the first three academic years after proof of enrollment is received.
- \$2,000 paid upon receipt of official transcript stating completion of the first three academic years and eligibility for degree completion.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Reside in Monroe County.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Have scholastic merit (maintain a "B" average or higher).
- Be actively involved in extracurricular and community activities.

### **Selection of Winners**

Recipients will be notified by May 2025.

### **Criteria**

Selection is based on:

- Academic achievement.
- Financial need.
- Dedication to pursuing a teaching career.
- Leadership and community involvement.

### **Application Process**

Applications for the READY STARS Scholarship Fund are available through the Urban League Black Scholars Program. Eligible students should reach out to their school's guidance counselor for more details.

### **Deadline**

Applications must be submitted by the deadline established by the Urban League Black Scholars Program.