

Our Mentor Program



THE MEDIOCRE TELLS.
THE GOOD EXPLAINS.
THE SUPERIOR DEMONSTRATES.

~ Adapted from William Arthur Ward

In addition to financial support, Point Foundation matches each scholar with a mentor who is a successful professional in fields such as the arts, science, education, business, law, medicine and other humanities.

Point Foundation Mentors build rewarding, personal relationships and serve as exemplary role models for the scholars. Mentors also assist Point Scholars with professional career decisions, including the pursuit of graduate studies, internship placement and job opportunities after graduation. Additionally, each Point Mentor oversees the design and completion of an annual community service project that is required of each scholar. Throughout the year, Point Mentors and Scholars work collaboratively to set goals that build leadership skills through service.

We believe that mentorship is a cornerstone of academic leadership and professional success, especially for students whose family, friends, and teachers are no longer willing to serve in this role. From our own collective experiences, Point Foundation understands that having an interested, caring and empathetic mentor, who is highly-successful in their chosen profession, is invaluable.

Point Scholars

THE NEED

The cost of obtaining a higher education continues to increase. Applicants to Point Foundation and subsequent scholars, turn to Point Foundation because their families are either unable or unwilling to support them and their goals for higher education. Our students have compelling and inspiring stories of overcoming incredible obstacles and hardships. Many have been cruelly rejected by their families, forced to leave home, and cut off from all financial support.

THE SCHOLARS

Point Scholars represent the best and brightest in our community, coming from diverse educational fields, gender identities and gender expressions, sexual orientations, racial backgrounds, economic circumstances and geography. Our scholars are chosen for their demonstrated leadership, scholastic achievement, involvement in the LGBT community, and financial/emotional need. Point Scholars are excelling at our nation's most prestigious and demanding universities and colleges, while also leading in a variety of extracurricular and community service activities.

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

– Maya Angelou

Additional Ways to Make a Difference

By supporting diversity in the academic environment, Point Foundation hopes to create a greater level of acceptance, respect and tolerance within future generations for all persons regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Please consider these other ways to make a difference:

MATCHING GIFTS

Matching gifts are a great way to involve your company with the important work of Point Foundation. Inquire with your employer if there is a way that your gift can be matched. Most companies who have these programs will match your gift dollar-for-dollar, doubling your impact.

EMPLOYEE GIVING

Consider designating a gift to Point Foundation through payroll deductions.

MAKE A PLANNED GIFT

Planned giving is another way to ensure the mission of Point Foundation. Planned gifts allow you to make a significant impact to Point Foundation over an extended period of time. Additionally, planned gifts can: reduce taxes, increase your income, conserve your family's wealth and fulfill your charitable goals. Inquire about our Legacy Society at legacy@pointfoundation.org.

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

Point Foundation is proud to work with its generous corporate sponsors. Let us propose a partnership with your company either with an annual agreement or for a specific special event in your area. Teaming with Point Foundation provides a way for your company to show investment in diverse communities, youth and education.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Point Foundation is flexible in creating giving opportunities for donors that support the needs of our scholars.

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CORNERSTONE SOCIETY



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LEADERSHIP | MENTORING | HOPE



Cornerstone Society

Membership in the Cornerstone Society consists of an elite group of dedicated individuals who annually support the important work of Point Foundation with a minimum contribution of \$500.

Your gift ensures that marginalized Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) students of merit are able to obtain the highest levels of academic excellence that would otherwise not be available because of financial/emotional need, abandonment or social stigma.

The Cornerstone Society represents one of Point Foundation's most important programs. Membership helps young people reclaim their own self-worth through education and makes certain that Point Foundation can continue its mission of providing scholarships, mentoring, leadership training and hope well into the future.

Join today so that your contribution can be put to work to help revolutionize the face of the LGBT community through the impact of education.

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Become a Member

FOUNDER'S CIRCLE

GIFTS OF \$250,000 +

All President's Circle benefits
Founder's Circle Pin
Special recognition from stage at major Point events

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

GIFTS OF \$100,000 - \$249,999

All Ambassador level benefits
Named Scholarship recognition opportunity
President's Circle Pin
Dinner with the Founders

AMBASSADOR

GIFTS OF \$50,000 - \$99,999

All Benefactor level benefits
One table at a major Point event
(Los Angeles/New York)
Special Ambassador level recognition
at major Point events

BENEFACTOR

GIFTS OF \$25,000 - \$49,999

All Patron level benefits
Special recognition for selected Point programs
One Point sweatshirt
Dinner with the Executive Director & CEO

PATRON

GIFTS OF \$10,000 - \$24,999

All Associate level benefits
Two additional tickets to a major Point event
(Los Angeles/New York)
Dinner with the Development Director

ASSOCIATE

GIFTS OF \$5,000 - \$9,999

All Member level benefits
Two tickets to a major Point event
(Los Angeles/New York)
One Point polo shirt

MEMBER

GIFTS OF \$2,500 - \$4,999

All Supporter level benefits
One Point coffee mug

SUPPORTER

GIFTS OF \$1,000 - \$2,499

All Friend level benefits
Advance invitations to major Point events

FRIEND

GIFTS OF \$500 - \$999

Cornerstone Society Member Plaque
Recognition in Point's Annual Report
Recognition on Point's web site
Subscription to Cornerstone Society
quarterly newsletter

Named Scholarships

THE NAMED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

allows individuals, organizations, foundations and corporations to provide substantial support to Point Foundation honoring the name of an individual or organization and to demonstrate a public commitment to Point's vision of valuing education, leadership and diversity.

Your gift will be a living testament to your commitment to diversity through education and make a significant impact in the life of a deserving student.

A Named Scholarship is a commitment of \$100,000.

This gift can be made all at once or through a commitment of four consecutive \$25,000 annual installments. Individual commitments will also automatically qualify you for membership in the Cornerstone Society at the President's Circle level, receiving all benefits therein.

Established Named Scholarships: Bryan L. Knapp, Carlos Enrique Cisneros, Casey Sakir, David B. Goodstein, Dr. Joan W. Shelley Fernandez, Elsie de Wolfe, Evelyn Harrison, Georgetown Alumni, Greg Grosh, HBO, Jan Aronson, Joanne Herman, Jonathan D. Lewis, Kevin Hummer, Matthew Shepard, Merle Aronson, mtvU, Norman Blachford, Paul W. Speier, The Calamus Foundation, Time Warner, University of Phoenix, Walter Decker, Wells Fargo.

Endowment Scholarships

Please contact the Development Director at Point Foundation for more information on this exciting program.