

Dr. Carlessia Hussein Minority Scholarship Program
Community Foundation of Howard County, MD Inc.
2016 - 2024



For
Middle School Boys of Color

Why:

“Young African American, Hispanic and Native American men are an endangered species.” Too many are expelled from school, populate juvenile justice facilities, circulate through jails and detention sites, and survive on the streets. We must find ways to remove the obstacles that block their opportunities for success.

One Solution:

Hussein, a Health Equity expert, has established the Carlessia Hussein Minority Opportunity Fund at the Community Foundation of Howard County Inc., to offer summer enrichment experiences to Middle Schoolers. In partnership with the Howard County Public School System, 300 awards have been given since 2016.

About Carlessia:

- *A Retired Nurse who loves to work with children and families*
- *Worked in hospitals, clinics, public health and universities*
- *Believes that children are our future and they are needed*
- *Sees an outstanding scientist, athlete, & adult in every child*
- *Dedicated to helping families make better communities*
- *Implemented MD 2004 State law to establish first Office of Minority Health & Health Disparities in Health Department*
- *Worked with State officials in 2012 to pass the first law designed to reduce minority health disparities in MD.*

Scholarship Purposes:

- *Provide experiences to build leadership skills*
- *Provide experiences to achieve in school*
- *Provide experiences to help boys find their dream*
- *Provide experiences to succeed in life.*

Eligibility:

- *African American, Hispanic, and Native American males*
- *Attend a middle school in Howard County, Maryland*
- *Be eligible, or participate in an assistance program, and*
- *Be performing “below grade level” or need tutoring.*

More Information:

See Hussein website; www.opportunity-and-health.com, view the BLOGS page on *WHY* these boys need to be uplifted *NOW*. 73 scholarships given in 2023. See Howard Community Foundation website, <https://cfhoco.org>. Email *Carlessia* with questions on cahussein@gmail.com. To Donate to the Hussein Fund, visit https://cfhoco.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=103