

ESL IN THE COMMUNITY: 2022 REPORT

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# SCHOLARSHIPS

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10 ESL SCHOLARSHIPS  
**\$20,000**

5 ESL/MCC SCHOLARS  
**\$10,000**

5 URBAN LEAGUE OF ROCHESTER  
BLACK SCHOLARS  
**\$10,000**

18 IBERO-AMERICAN ACTION  
LEAGUE SCHOLARS  
**\$12,500**

ESL is committed to the success and growth of our community. A major part of that growth is continuing education. With cost for a college education continuously on the rise, ESL is passionate about providing opportunities for individuals to pursue their dreams by helping alleviate the burden of college costs. In 2022, we provided \$2,000 ESL College Scholarship awards to 10 high school seniors in the Greater Rochester area who are planning to attend college. Awards are determined by the students' academic performance, volunteerism, and how they live our Purpose of "Helping our community thrive and prosper." The 2022 recipients were:

## ESL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Refia Bilgic,  
Geneseo High School



Mansa Brown-Tonge,  
Allendale Columbia School



Emma Guthrie,  
Ruben A. Cirillo High School



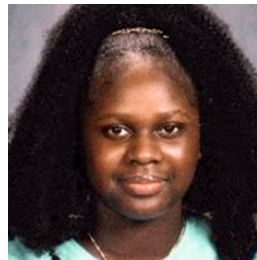
Lennon Hare,  
Hilton High School



Janet Jaramillo,  
Marion Jr. Sr. High School



Zaynab Kahn,  
Pittsford Mendon High School



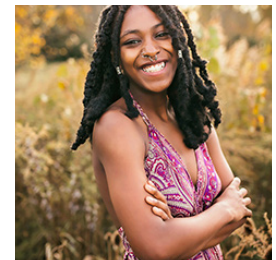
Tehj McDonald, Edison Career  
and Technology High School



Mshingelwa Mfaume,  
East High School



Tre Reese,  
Pittsford Sutherland High School



Noelia Ventura,  
Batavia High School

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### ESL/MCC SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The ESL/MCC Scholars Program was launched in 2017 and allows a unique “earn and learn” opportunity for students at Monroe Community College. Each of the five recipients in the 2023 cohort receive a \$2,000 scholarship, as well as the opportunity to work part-time at ESL while they earn their associate degree. This workforce development program provides exposure to careers in the banking industry, professional development and mentoring, while promoting academic success and degree completion. Since starting this program, 12 of our scholars have joined ESL as employees. Named in December 2022, the 2023 cohort is:

**Ranses Beltre-Romero, Andrew Friden, Emily Goossen, My Phan, Benazir Reza.**

### URBAN LEAGUE BLACK SCHOLARS OF ROCHESTER

Urban League Black Scholars of Rochester identifies Black Scholars from school districts in Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans and Wayne counties.

Workshops are held every fall and spring to prepare college-bound students and their parents for college selection, admissions testing, applications, financial aid and navigating college. ESL provided four \$2,500 scholarships to the following Black Scholars in 2022:

**Eriel Young, Myles James, Makaylah Brooks, Jasmine White, Kadejah Watson.**

### IBERO SCHOLARS

ESL is also a supporter and sponsor of Ibero Scholars through the Ibero American Action League. The organization’s Hispanic Scholarship Program provides merit-based college scholarships to local high school seniors in Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario Wayne and Yates counties. Each year, the program supports more than 90 Latino scholars in the Greater Rochester area. The scholarships are merit-based and provide financial support in the range of \$500 to \$2,000. The Ibero Scholars are: **Janet Jaramillo, Aiden Marquez, Miguel Villaman Torres, Natalia Biehl-Narvaez, Xavier Jose Orlando Zayas, Elena Fuentes Solano, Evelyn Rebert, Tania Cortes Gutierrez, Silvia Postigo-Marcos, Keuka Miranda Wiltberger, Carmen Ponce, Angelina Dominica Rose Sanchez, Leilah Rosario, Raina Evans, Gabriel Englerth, Isabella Rose Padilla, Olivia Martinez, Madison Martinez.**

### FANNIE BARRIER WILLIAMS SCHOLARS

ESL provided a \$1.1 million grant to the Brockport Foundation to fund the Fannie Barrier Williams Scholars program. The program offers four-year scholarships to 30 high-potential students from low-income families in Monroe, Orleans, Genesee, Livingston, Ontario and Wayne counties. Eligible students include accepted incoming freshman students enrolled in a degree program at the college and identified as low-income and not receiving a traditional merit/academic scholarship from the institution. These students also should be considered most at risk of not persisting to graduation. Priority is given to students of color. Named after the first woman of color to graduate from the Brockport Normal & Training School (SUNY Brockport’s predecessor) in 1870, Williams was a public speaker and reform and labor activist who kept company with other prominent leaders, such as Booker T. Washington, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mary Church Terrell, Ida B. Wells and Frederick Douglass.



Fannie Barrier Williams Scholars at SUNY Brockport

### INSPIRING START AND FINISH STRONG SCHOLARSHIPS

Through a five-year \$4 million grant to the MCC Foundation (\$800,000 per year), ESL helped fund the Inspiring Start and Finish Strong scholarship programs. The Finish Strong scholarship will help students with fewer than 15 credits to complete who have exhausted their financial aid. The Finish Strong scholarship will complement MCC’s new Return to Complete program and will support up to 13 students per year.