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FCA Foundation and National Black Farmers Association Announce 2017-18 Scholarship Winners

\$100,000 in Scholarships Awarded to 20 College Students Across the United States

- NBFA scholarship winners represent a diversity of agricultural-related disciplines
- Three-quarters of scholarship winners attend 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Colleges and Universities

September 26, 2017, Auburn Hills, Mich. - The FCA Foundation, the charitable arm of North American automaker FCA US LLC, and the National Black Farmers Association (NBFA) today announced the winners of the 2017-18 National Black Farmers Association Scholarship. In total, 20 college students from across the United States were awarded \$100,000 in scholarships (\$5,000 per person) to help defray the cost of college tuition, fees, books, and room and board.

"The FCA Foundation is proud to partner with the National Black Farmers Association, said [Shane Karr](#), Head of External Affairs, FCA – North America and President, FCA Foundation. "Through our shared commitment, a new generation will attain the skills and competencies needed to develop and expand access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food for all."

2017-2018 National Black Farmers Association Scholarship Winners

Student	Area of Study	Educational Institution
Alexandra Harris	Law	Drexel University
Jerry Edmonds	Higher Education	Edgewood College
Greg McNealy	Agribusiness	Florida A&M University
Siera Sylvester	Agricultural Engineering	Florida A&M University
Charisma Heath	Veterinary Science	Fort Valley State University
Adelia McKinley	Agricultural Economics	Fort Valley State University
Cameron Bradshaw	Agricultural Business	Kansas State University
Helena Hollins	Agriculture Business	Langston University
Aaron Lewis	Animal Science	Lincoln University
Jayde Daniel	Agricultural Sciences	Prairie View A&M University
Nicholas Fowler	Civil Engineering	Prairie View A&M University
Bryant Hunter	Animal Science	Prairie View A&M University
Michael Walker	Animal Science	Southern University and A&M College
Danelle Solomon	Environmental Science	Tennessee State University
Candace Clark	Natural Resources Management	Tuskegee University
Sydney Lockett	Natural Resources Management	Tuskegee University
Lindsey Lunsford	Integrative Public Policy	Tuskegee University
Conlee Herrera Fry	Veterinary Medicine	Tuskegee University
Edra Fisher	Agriculture	Lincoln Land Community College
Olivia Pena	Food Systems	University of Vermont

It is also significant to note that three-quarters of this year's NBFA scholarship winners are enrolled at 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Colleges and Universities. The 1890 Land-Grant Universities are a network of 19 historically black colleges and universities, established by a second Morrill Act in 1890 to provide educational opportunity for all through innovative scientific research and community-minded extension programs.

2017-18 NBFA Scholarship Program by the Numbers:

15 – Students who attend one of the 19 historically black land-grant universities and colleges

4 – Tuskegee University

3 – Prairie View A&M University

2 – Florida A&M University

2 – Fort Valley State University

1 – Langston University, Lincoln University, Southern University and A&M College and Tennessee State University, one student each

60 – NBFA scholarships awarded to 44 students since 2015

\$287,500 – Educational support provided since 2015 by the NBFA Scholarship Program

NBFA scholarships are awarded based upon several criteria, including academic performance, demonstrated leadership, participation in agricultural and community activities, and career goals and objectives. Eligible students must also be enrolled or plan to enroll at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.

About the National Black Farmers Association

The National Black Farmers Association is a non-profit organization representing African-American farmers and their families in the United States. As an association, it serves tens of thousands of members nationwide. NBFA's education and advocacy efforts have been focused on civil rights, land retention, access to public and private loans, education and agricultural training and rural economic development for black and other small farmers.

FCA Foundation

The [FCA Foundation](#) is the charitable arm of North American automaker FCA US LLC, a member of the [Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V.](#) (FCA) family of companies. The FCA Foundation invests in U.S. charitable organizations and initiatives that help empower people, build strong, resilient communities and generate meaningful and measurable societal impacts. In support of these objectives, the FCA Foundation focuses on the following foundational pillars: youth development, education, support for military, veterans and their families, and community service.

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