

## **“Make-a-Way” Scholarship**

The University of the District of Columbia Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce the availability of the *Make-a-Way Scholarship* for the fall 2017-2018 academic year. The *Make-a-Way Scholarship* was established by Earl W. Stafford, Sr., founder of The Stafford Foundation, a non-profit organization that focuses on furthering “the cause of Jesus Christ by investing in education and training to empower the underserved to do good.” The scholarship is open to students who demonstrate a tenacity to succeed in life regardless of economic status. The scholarship will provide financial assistance to a devoted student pursuing a four-year college degree. A college education remains one of the best ways to prepare for job opportunities and improve access to a higher quality of life. Mr. Stafford is a firm believer that everyone should have an opportunity to pursue a post-secondary education with a focus on becoming self-reliant. The purpose of this scholarship is to lessen the financial burden and empower the recipient, through higher education, enhanced skills and a pathway to economic success.

**Scholarship Award:** The *Make-a-Way Scholarship* shall be awarded in fall 2017 to a freshman who demonstrates a financial need and provides a written plan of action to succeed in life. The recipient of the scholarship will receive \$9,600 per academic year for four years provided the student maintains his/her eligibility. The awardee will be known as a “Stafford Scholar.”

**Eligibility:** Applicants shall be a first-year freshman with a 3.0 or better high school cumulative grade point average and reside in the District of Columbia or the metropolitan area (Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties or Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax, Virginia). Students shall be graduates of the District of Columbia Public High Schools, Charter Schools or a school located in the metropolitan area and eligible to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Applicants must enroll full-time in a four-year undergraduate degree program and maintain a 3.0 or better grade point average at the college level to continue eligibility. Applicants must consent to provide academic progress reports twice a semester, mid-term and final semester grades, for transmission to the scholarship donor. The *Make-A-Way Scholarship* must be renewed annually.

**Applicants must submit a typewritten double-spaced 250-300 word essay on the following topic:**

1. Choose a favorite movie, book, quote or quotation that describes you and your plan for future economic success. You may include how the financial support and post-secondary education at the University of the District of Columbia impacted your achievements.

Applicants must submit a 250-300 word essay, one (1) letter of recommendation from a person other than a family member who knows the applicant well, e.g. a principal, president, dean, chairperson, teacher, professor, counselor, or a community leader. The application package must include an official or an unofficial high school transcript.

**Deadline for Applications:** Submit the complete package to the UDC Foundation Inc., Attn: Ms. Edna M. King, 4200 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Bldg. 39, Room 301-I Washington, DC 20008 on or before October 15 (**if this date falls on a non-workday, the next business day applies**).