

THE ABRAMSON SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The Abramson Foundation, in an effort to continue making a positive difference in our community during this challenging economic, has honed its mission and restructured its programs.

As it has in the past, the Abramson Foundation will continue to award scholarships to District of Columbia Public School seniors who have been accepted to an accredited, four-year college or university. As always, scholarships will be based on merit, financial need, and a demonstrated commitment to the District of Columbia and to “giving back.” Under the new program, however, current Abramson scholars will be eligible to apply for an additional scholarship each year that the scholar is in school, for up to four years. In order to be eligible for scholarship renewal, applicants must demonstrate academic achievement, financial need, commitment to “giving back,” and an ongoing involvement with the Abramson Foundation’s mentoring program. Scholarship award amounts can increase with each year a student is in the program.

The Abramson Foundation will continue to provide each scholar with a mentor, and the **mentoring program** will provide instructional programming geared to scholars at each stage of their undergraduate education. In addition, as our family of Abramson Scholars grows and matures, we will encourage these individuals to serve as mentors to future classes of scholars.

In the past, the Abramson Foundation also awarded public interest fellowships to recent law school graduates committed to working in the public interest in the District of Columbia. Unfortunately, the Foundation is unable to support its **fellowship program** at this time. The Foundation is very proud of the positive difference Abramson Fellows have made in our community over the last sixteen (16) years, working for organizations such as the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia, The Children’s Law Center, and Bread for the City, and sincerely hopes to it will be able to support such efforts again in the future.

In keeping with these changes, on September 20, 2010, the Board of Directors voted to change the name of the Foundation from the “Frederick B. Abramson Memorial Foundation” to the “Abramson Scholarship Foundation.” We feel this continues Fred’s legacy and makes our mission clear to future donors.

The Abramson Scholarship Foundation needs your financial support to help our City’s young people fulfill their educational dreams. For our scholars, getting into college is a tremendous feat in itself. Our mission is to provide financial, mentoring, and instructional support necessary for their successful matriculation once there. Please help us support these talented and deserving young people by donating now!