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Sims-Fayola Foundation announces Scholarships Window Open March 1 – April 15, 2017
Scholarships to be awarded in May 2017

Denver, Colorado - The Sims-Fayola Foundation is pleased to announce the *Ellis-Wade Scholarship for Young Men*, the *Terrence Mixon Scholarship for Young Men*, and the *Sims-Fayola Foundation Scholarship for Young Men* to be awarded in May 2017. The Sims-Fayola Foundation will award three, \$1,000, scholarships to provide outstanding young men the financial support needed to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of their choice.

The Ellis-Wade Scholarship for Young Men is available to graduating high school seniors residing in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. This scholarship is to honor two women who raised a visionary and educational architect, Dedrick Sims, *Founder/CEO of the Sims-Fayola Foundation*. Ms. Brenda Diane Ellis, the late mother of Dedrick Sims, and Mrs. Betty Wade, his grandmother, embody strength, grit, resilience, and determination that inspire his work as he leads the Sims-Fayola Foundation. [Click here](#) for the *Ellis-Wade Scholarship for Young Men* online checklist and application.

The Terrence Mixon Scholarship for Young Men is available to graduating high school seniors residing in Mobile, Alabama. This scholarship is to honor Mr. Mixon who believed in Dedrick Sims, offering him his first opportunity to teach at Lillie B. Williamson High School in Mobile. Principal Mixon allowed Sims to grow as an educator under his tutelage where Dedrick started the Young Men of Distinction Program. Mr. Mixon now serves as the Executive Director of Student Support Services for Mobile County Public Schools. [Click here](#) for the *Terrence Mixon Scholarship for Young Men* online checklist and application.

The Sims-Fayola Foundation Scholarship for Young Men is available to graduating high school seniors residing in the Denver or Atlanta Metropolitan areas. The three pillars that support the work of the foundation are: *Advocacy and Awareness*, *Capacity Building*, and *Education*. Hence, this scholarship will be awarded to a young man who embodies and demonstrates his leadership by advocating for others, serves as a leader in his community, commits to building the capacity of others, and values the importance of education. [Click here](#) for the *Sims-Fayola Foundation Scholarship for Young Men* online checklist and application.

The application window for all three scholarships opens today, March 1, 2017, and closes on April 15, 2017. The online applications and checklists are now available on the Sims-Fayola Foundation's website, www.sffoundation.org/scholarships.html, until April 15, 2017. Selection will be based on demonstrated leadership, scholarship, and essays. Additionally, finalists will be required to participate in a virtual interview on Friday, April 28, 2017.

Application materials include:

- ✓ Two Essays
- ✓ Copy of College/University Acceptance Letter
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Copy of Official High School Transcript
- ✓ Two Letters of Recommendation

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About the Sims-Fayola Foundation

The Sims-Fayola Foundation (www.sffoundation.org) is a Colorado non-profit organization with a mission *to improve the life outcomes of urban males in K-12 grades*. The Sims-Fayola Foundation was founded, in August of 2014, by Dedrick Sims as a broader strategic plan to improve the life outcomes of urban males through advocacy and awareness, capacity building, and education. As a visionary, school founder, and educational architect, Dedrick witnessed the plight of young men within the school environment and realized the complexity of solutions needed to change the trajectory of urban males, must extend beyond the school walls. Hence, he began to see with greater clarity the need for an organization to be focused on developing a comprehensive strategy, *working in unison with other organizations*, positioned to build the capacity of educators to serve young men, in order to positively change the life outcomes of urban males in K-12 grades. The Sims-Fayola Foundation seeks to effect change to the myriad of dismal statistics that are associated with urban males as it relates to life outcomes and school success.

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