Overview

The Jackie Robinson Foundation is a public, not-for-profit, national organization founded in 1973 as a vehicle to perpetuate the memory of Jackie Robinson and his heroic achievements. It provides college and graduate school scholarships as well as leadership development opportunities for students of color with strong capabilities but limited financial resources. The Foundation is distinctive for the depth of its mentoring program, which results in a nearly 100% graduation rate among its student constituents, and which encourages them to carry forth Robinson’s commitment to civic engagement and humanitarianism. With the establishment of the Jackie Robinson Museum in 2019, the Foundation will expand its mission by promoting the values by which Robinson lived among the general public.

“A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives.”
Jackie Robinson

THE JACKIE ROBINSON FOUNDATION AT-A-GLANCE

- Over a 45-year history, $85 million has been provided in scholarship assistance and program support.
- JRF has supported 1,500 students, who have represented 45 states and attended 260 colleges and universities.
- JRF Scholars consistently maintain a nearly 100% graduation rate, more than double the national average for African American college students.
- JRF Scholars receive $30,000 over four years in financial assistance.
- JRF “Extra Innings Fellows” are awarded up to $10,000 in financial support per year for graduate studies.
- Over 4,000 qualified high school seniors apply for JRF scholarships annually.

2017-2018 Academic Year Facts

- $4.5 million was provided in scholarship assistance and direct program services.
- 242 JRF Scholars and Extra Innings Fellows make up JRF’s core cohort of students.
- Scholars and Fellows are currently enrolled at 101 colleges and universities and represent 32 States.
- 75 corporations, foundations, and individuals currently sponsor JRF Scholars and graduate fellows.

Mentoring and Leadership Development Program

Every JRF Scholar receives a generous four-year scholarship and benefits from the comprehensive support provided under JRF’s four-year, Mentoring and Leadership Development Program, which includes:

- Matriculation through JRF’s “42 Strategies for Success” mentoring curriculum;
- Participation in JRF’s three-day “New Scholar Orientation” conference the summer before entering freshman year;
- Participation in JRF’s annual five-day “Mentoring & Leadership Conference” each spring in NYC;
- Internship placement and permanent employment opportunities;
- Engaged, individually-assigned, year-round mentors (adult and peer);
- Access to online career, practical life skills, and networking training and resources (print, video/podcasting);
- Myriad opportunities to network with accomplished professionals at special events throughout the year; and
- Mandatory community service requirements and facilitation.

“Extra Innings” Fellowships (EIF)

To assist select JRF Scholars pursuing post-graduate degrees, JRF provides fellowships for graduate studies. Since 2006, 88 JRF Scholars have been awarded more than $1.4 million in Extra Innings graduate fellowships.

Rachel Robinson International Fellowships (RRIF)

RRIF provides access and financial support for JRF Scholars to participate in international work-study and community service. Since 2007, 126 Scholars have traveled to 40 nations through the RRIF program.

JRF IMPACT

Beginning in the fall of 2018, JRF will launch JRF IMPACT, an online portal that will allow a broad population of college students access to JRF’s college success model and provide interactive mentoring capabilities.

THE JACKIE ROBINSON MUSEUM

Opening in 2019 in New York City, the Jackie Robinson Museum will expand the Foundation’s mission to educate and inspire the general public around the values of humanitarianism and equal opportunity that define the lives and legacy of Jackie and Rachel Robinson and the Robinson Family.

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