

# BUFFALOES FOUNDATION, INC.

Three Peake High School Class of 1966 graduates established the Buffaloes' Foundation, Inc. in 1993: Leroy Brownlee, Lawrence Deloach, and John Lee Ware. In 2010 the two surviving founders, Brownlee and Deloach decided to rename the scholarship in the name of their beloved classmate, friend, and co-founder, John L Ware who went from labor to reward on May 2, 2010. From August 2010 to August 2019, the Buffaloes' Foundation Inc. had given at least 42 scholarships in the name of the John L Ware Memorial Scholarship.

On June 16, 2019 the last surviving co-founder Leroy Brownlee who was a prominent member of the community and president of the Foundation since the Foundation's inception slipped the bonds of this life for a life of eternity with the Lord. During a business meeting in March 2020, one of the Foundation's long-time supporters, a 2014 Buffaloes' Hall of Fame Inductee, Peake High School Class of 1967, and at the time Director-at-Large, Colonel Jesse Paul Newborn, USA Retired offered to underwrite/fund two additional scholarships in honor of Brownlee and Deloach. It is the desire of COL Newborn, Ret that these two scholarships be dedicated to deserving high school seniors who reside in Clark County and who are in need of funds to pursue a degree at a college, university, or a career-training institute. At the time, COL Newborn, Ret was chair of the scholarship committee. Without objections the scholarship committee agreed to rename the scholarship in honor of all three co-founders, thus: *Brownlee, Deloach & Ware Memorial Scholarships*. We updated the website in 2020 to reflect the name change for the scholarships.

In addition, we have streamlined the application process. Paper applications are no longer required, and students are judged mainly on their essays. Applicants can now go online and apply for one of the memorial scholarships with minimum bureaucracy. The criteria for applying are enumerated on the website.

The Buffaloes' Foundation, Inc., through the years, has supported many programs, but its primary focus is an emphasis on programs for the youth and their future retention within the county. If you would like to keep this legacy alive by donating, visit [www.buffaloesfoundation.org](http://www.buffaloesfoundation.org) or mail checks or money orders payable to Buffaloes' Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 419; Arkadelphia, AR 71923.