**THE GRACE SCHOLARHSIP FUND**

**Tallawah STEM SCHOLARSHIP**

**APPLICATION & INFORMATION**

**HISTORY OF THE GRACE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Grace Scholarship Fund was founded in 2013 to provide academic scholarships, service opportunities and leadership experiences for young Jamaican students of outstanding promise.  The fund provides scholarship winners with the financial assistance to help them attend some of the finest colleges & universities both domestically and abroad.  Our hope is that recipients will go on to achieve exemplary success in the classrooms and in their chosen fields of expertise and make Jamaica proud.

**Tallawah STEM Scholarship**

Andy and Coleen Monplaisir are young professionals and budding tech entrepreneurs. They are

co-founders of the mobile app, GradPie ([www.gradpie.com](http://www.gradpie.com)), a bidding job marketplace app for college students and recent graduates in search of short term employment. The app is in its final stages of development and they hope to have it be released to the general public soon.

Coleen was born and raised in very humble beginnings in Kingston, Jamaica where she attended Alpha Academy for first form before migrating to the United States at the age of 12. Andy was raised in Bronx, New York before him and his family moved to Florida.

The two believe that obtaining a valuable education is the key to success and is a means of advancement in today’s society, and have chosen to begin their philanthropic efforts by providing an annual scholarship focused on education. The Tallawah STEM scholarship is geared towards Jamaican students looking to pursue studies in any of the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering or math).

Coleen has a B.A. from the University of Florida and recently obtained her Masters in Business Administration with a specialization in Finance from Iona College. Andy has a B.S. from Florida State University and a Masters in Geographic Information Science from Florida State University.

Their day to day industry experience involve working in the Financial Services and Technology sectors. They now reside in New York.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE Tallawah STEM Scholarship**

All applicants for The Tallawah STEM Scholarship must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Must be a Jamaican national
2. Must be pursuing a STEM degree (science, technology, engineering or math)
3. Preference given to those who currently reside in the Mountain View/Saunders Avenue Area
4. Must be currently enrolled as a full-time student at any college or university in Jamaica or planning to be enrolled in the next 6 months
5. Attend in person scholarship reception

**SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS**

The Tallawah STEM Scholarship may be used for funding related to current enrollment by the student at an accredited college or university. Students may use the scholarship funds to help cover the costs of tuition, fees, books, room and board, computers, health insurance, study abroad and other college related expenses. The amount of the Tallawah Scholarship is for $500USD.

**APPLICATION TIMELINE**

Application Deadline – May 1st, 2016

No exceptions. All eligible applications are due by 11:59pm EST.

**DATA PRIVACY**

The Grace Scholarship Fund is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of the application information data that you provide to us. The Grace Scholarship Fund understands and acknowledges that you have reposed trust in us to protect the confidentiality and security of all the information and data.

The Grace Scholarship Fund will not use your information and data for purposes other than this specific application review. The Grace Scholarship Fund will not sell, or otherwise disseminate or make available to third parties the information and data that you provide, in whole or in part. The Grace Scholarship Fund will restrict access to the information and data that you provide to those persons who will evaluate your information and data for purposes of determining your eligibility for, and making awards of, the financial assistance that The Grace Scholarship Fund provides. If you win a scholarship, you may be asked to feature language from your application for the use of GraceFund newsletters.

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO: info@gracefund.org and include a copy of your high school transcript. If applicable, please also provide proof of enrollment at your college or university.

| The Grace Scholarship FundTallawah STEM SCHOLARSHIP Application Form |
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| **Applicant background Information** |
| Name: |
| Date of birth: | Home Phone Number: | Cell Phone Number: |
| Hometown: |
| Current address: |
| email address: |
| **School Information** |
| Primary School Name & Address: |
| High School Name & Address: | Graduation Date: |
| If requested, can you provide your high school transcript (yes or no): |
| Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) and Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Exam (CAPE) subjects taken and results (level):1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. |
| SAT Score (if taken): | ACT Score (if taken): |
| Provide a brief description of any academic honors, awards or leadership positions during your high school years: |
|  **UNIVERSITY INFORMATION** |
| Current OR Intended College or University name: |
| Start Date (or intended start date): |
| Current college mailing address (if applicable): |
| Your current college personal email address (if applicable): |
| Number of credits/units/courses completed (if applicable): |
| Number of years completed: | Expected Graduation Date: |
| Major: |
| \*\*\*Please be sure to provide a copy of your transcript and proof of enrollment as an attachment\*\*\* |
| (For current college/university students) Provide a brief description of academic honors, awards or leadership positions during your college/university years: |
| **NOn-Academic INformtaion** |
| (For current college/university students) Please provide a brief description of any volunteer service you have participated in during your college/university years:Provide a brief description of any extra-curricular activities you have participated in during your high school years:Provide a brief description of any volunteer service performed during your high school years: Are you following us on Twitter? If so, what is your Twitter handle?Are you following us on Instagram? If so, what is your Instagram handle?Have you LIKED our Facebook Page? |
| **Essay Resposnes** |
| Describe your intended career aspirations after university/college *(500 words or less):* |
| Explain why you believe you deserve this scholarship *(500 words or less)*: |
| Explain what you love most about Jamaica and how will you give back to the island after you complete college/university *(500 words or less)*: |
| Describe what you think is a sort of innovation that is needed in Jamaica right now? |
| If you received $1,000,000JMD for the sole purpose of building a mobile app, what app or program would you develop to help solve the unemployment rate in Jamaica? |
| **Signature (please sign below):** |
| Signing below is required for review of your application. Signature indicates that you hereby verify that the above information is true and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. (Typing your name is sufficient) |
| e-Signature of applicant: | Date: |