



## For Immediate Release

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The Lupoff/Stevens Family Office has provided a second annual grant to [Seeds of Fortune](#), a non-profit EdTech platform providing young women of color guidance in college preparation, acceptance and financial support. This is Seeds of Fortune's second award of *The Mary Stevens Educational Excellence Award*.

In the past three years, *Seeds of Fortune* has assisted over 450+ BIPOC women apply and gain admittance to colleges and receive over \$45 million in grants and scholarships. This Grant supports The Seeds of Fortune Telementor Fellowship, a program providing 3 undergraduate students a yearlong leadership development opportunity. This year's Fellows include: Damilare Odekanmi -Babson College '26', Araya Miller - Yale '26, and Eula Doele - Yale '26. Read more about these accomplished Fellows [here](#).

About The Mary Stevens Educational Excellence Award:

Born in Wilmington, North Carolina, Mary B. Stevens moved with her family to Brooklyn, NY as a child. A passionate student, she attended George Washington High School, Brooklyn College and The City College of New York where she earned her master's degree and teaching credentials.

Mary was dedicated to the children of the city, teaching in New York City public schools in the Bronx, Washington Heights, Chelsea, Jackson Heights, and Harlem over her four-decade career in the classroom, as a principal, and as a school founder.

*The Mary Stevens Educational Excellence Award* is an ongoing commitment of the Family to hasten increased higher education opportunities for young women of color, and honors Mary Stevens, beloved mother, grandmother and peerless career educator.



About Lupoff/Stevens Family Office:

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