



Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc.'s

Talented Tenth Program



In 1903, Dr. W.E.B. DuBois wrote that the *Talented Tenth* represents “...*the group leader, the man who sets the ideals of the community where he lives, directs its thoughts and leads its social movements...leaders of thought and missionaries of culture among their people.*” With these ideals in mind, the Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc. (IDSEF) set out to establish a Talented Tenth Program to promote Dr. DuBois’ deeply rooted belief that we must prepare for future leadership roles through formal education.

In January 2018, IDSEF proudly presented its newly established Talented Tenth Program in an effort to continue Dr. W.E.B. DuBois’s legacy and vision of higher educational opportunities for future generations of leaders. This highly esteemed program seeks to invite everyone to its membership ranks, regardless of background, who demonstrate qualities of leadership, mentorship, philanthropy and possess a deep and abiding commitment to educating our youth.

Talented Tenth Program membership also requires a \$1000 charitable, tax deductible contribution to IDSEF. Proceeds support IDSEF’s educational scholarship program, which awards eight scholarships annually to highly deserving, college bound, high school seniors in the Washington Metropolitan area, as well as additional scholarships to qualified students of several community based mentorship programs in the Northern Virginia area. Membership in this program also has many privileges in terms of recognition at IDSEF activities; membership certificate and distinctively designed membership lapel pin and membership certificate; name listed on the IDSEF website and on a commemorative banner placed prominently at all major fundraising events throughout membership year.

IDSEF proudly inducted thirteen (13) new members into the Talented Tenth Program’s Inaugural Class of 2018. These members possess all of the listed qualities as well as the desire to promote Dr. DuBois’ legacy by sharing their time, talents and financial resources to ensure the continuation of his vision. So, please consider joining this illustrious group of proud and dedicated members. Your membership will not only assist IDSEF in executing its mission of providing scholarships and other community support to deserving youth, but it will clearly signify your recognition of the importance of preparing future generations for leadership roles in our communities and this world.

For additional information or any questions, please contact Gerald L. Gladney, (443)421-0765, gladneyg06@gmail.com. Or, for more information about IDSEF, go to <http://idsef.apaxal.com/>.

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