BTX FOUNDATION

Corporate sponsorship

2026–2027 academic year

Scholarships, certifications and support for underrepresented engineering students at the University of Maryland.

The BTX Foundation, Inc.

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Sponsor BTX in 2026–2027

We're looking for companies to sponsor The BTX Foundation for the 2026–2027 school year.

BTX is run by eight University of Maryland engineering alumni. We give scholarships, certifications and conference sponsorships to underrepresented engineering students at the A. James Clark School of Engineering. Since 2021 we have given $30,500 to 14 students.

This packet covers who we are, what a sponsorship pays for and what each level includes. A commitment form is at the back.

Questions? Email info@thebtxfoundation.org and a board member will reply.

Thank you,
The BTX Foundation board

BTX at a glance

Founded	February 2020, by Clark School engineering alumni
Status	501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit, EIN 84-4891097
Who we serve	Underrepresented engineering undergraduates at the University of Maryland's A. James Clark School of Engineering
Given so far	$30,500 to 14 students, Spring 2021 through Spring 2025
This fall	The BTX Legacy Award, $2,500
Partners	Amazon sponsors the BTX Think Big Scholarship. Accenture is a corporate donor.

Who we are

In 2016, nine Black engineering students at the Clark School started a group chat to help each other through hard engineering classes. Most of the group graduated in 2017 and 2018, stayed close and went to work at companies such as Amazon, Accenture, EY and Pratt & Whitney.

In February 2020 they formed The BTX Foundation to help the students coming up behind them.

Our mission

The BTX Foundation works to:

- Support underrepresented minorities in engineering.
- Ease the financial burden undergraduate students face.
- Strengthen the engineering community by encouraging collaboration, well-roundedness and academic excellence.

Our vision

We share what we learned as engineering students and working engineers, so future engineers know they can reach their personal and professional goals.

The three E's

Empower	Build community among engineering students through networking, mentoring, STEM outreach and volunteering.
Engineer	Fund scholarships and reward strong academic work.
Exceed	Help students grow their careers and meet engineering companies through career workshops.

What we do

Everything BTX offers goes to Clark School engineering students.

Scholarships	The BTX Legacy Award ($2,500) runs this fall. The BTX Think Big Scholarship ($4,000), sponsored by Amazon, goes to one student each school year. When the board finds more strong applicants than awards, it can add more, such as the BTX Community Impact Award and the BTX Empower Grant. Awards cover tuition, textbooks, fees, supplies and other school costs.
Certifications	BTX pays the exam fee for a professional certification. We're picking the first students now.
Conferences	BTX sponsors students to attend engineering conferences. In 2026 we sent five Clark School students to the NSBE conference.
Internships	BTX runs paid student internships when a project opens. The most recent one ran in summer 2026.
Mentoring	Board members and past scholars mentor students informally. We introduce students to volunteers in their field when they ask.

How a scholarship works

Each cycle runs the same way, and the whole board takes part.

1	**Apply**	Students apply online when a cycle opens. The fall cycle opens in October.
2	**Interview**	Each applicant has a virtual interview with two board members. Each interviewer scores separately.
3	**Decide**	The board meets, talks through every applicant and picks the winner. It can add awards for other strong applicants.
4	**Award**	The scholar gets the money for tuition, textbooks, fees and supplies, and can ask board members for mentoring.

Who can apply

For the BTX Think Big Scholarship, a student must:

- Be a full-time undergraduate in the A. James Clark School of Engineering, working toward a B.S. in engineering.
- Have 12 or more credits left in their program.
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher when they apply.

Our scholars

Fourteen students have received BTX awards since Spring 2021.

Cycle	Scholar	Award
Spring 2021	**Paul Brown-Taylor**	BTX Legacy Award
Spring 2021	**Racheal Ssentongo**	BTX Legacy Award
Fall 2021	**Jada-Mercy Ayebae**	BTX Legacy Award
Spring 2022	**Kayla Eddy**	BTX Legacy Award
Fall 2022	**Nasya Anderson**	BTX Legacy Award
Fall 2023	**Craig Mackel**	BTX Legacy Award
Spring 2024	**Jolicia Taylor**	BTX Think Big Scholarship
Spring 2024	**Wilhelm Smith**	BTX Community Impact Award
Spring 2024	**Friedrich Alvarez**	BTX Community Impact Award
Spring 2024	**Adaugo Emerson**	BTX Community Impact Award
Spring 2024	**Joshua Ikegwu**	BTX Empower Grant
Spring 2025	**Francis Otoo**	BTX Think Big Scholarship
Spring 2025	**Zainab Bah**	BTX Legacy Award
Spring 2025	**Blake Bryant**	BTX Empower Grant

In their words

> “This support lifts a significant burden off my shoulders, allowing me to focus more on my studies rather than my financial concerns.”
>
> **Zainab Bah** · BTX Legacy Award, Spring 2025

> “This scholarship will allow me to focus on developing myself academically and professionally to better prepare for my career in Aerospace Engineering.”
>
> **Jolicia Taylor** · BTX Think Big Scholarship, Spring 2024

> “...it will enable me to continue my education and pursue my goals, dreams, and ambitions by working fewer hours as a server...”
>
> **Wilhelm Smith** · BTX Community Impact Award, Spring 2024

What a gift pays for

$500	One eighth of a BTX Think Big Scholarship
$2,500	One BTX Legacy Award
$4,000	One BTX Think Big Scholarship for a full school year
$20,000	Five BTX Think Big Scholarships

Sponsorship levels

Sponsorships run for the 2026–2027 school year. Each level includes everything marked in its column.

What you get	Bronze $500	Silver $2,500	Gold $5,000	Platinum $15,000	Diamond $25,000	Champion $40,000
Your name on the donor wall at thebtxfoundation.org	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Your logo on our Partners page		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
A short report each year on the students your gift supports			✓	✓	✓	✓
Fund one BTX Legacy Award ($2,500)				✓	✓	✓
Access to our résumé bank of Clark School engineering students				✓	✓	✓
A post announcing your sponsorship on Instagram and LinkedIn				✓	✓	✓
Sponsor one student to attend the NSBE, SHPE or WIE conference next school year					✓	✓
Plan and co-lead one networking and career workshop each semester, for two semesters					✓	✓
A $5,000 scholarship named for your company next school year						✓

Have something else in mind? Email info@thebtxfoundation.org and we'll work it out with you.

Other ways to partner

Name a scholarship	$5,000 or more a year funds a scholarship in your company's name. The award is listed on our website, you meet your scholar, and we send a short report each year.
Run a workshop	Share your field with our students in a talk or workshop. We plan it with you.
Mentor	Your engineers can mentor students in their field. We make the introductions.
Share internships	Tell us about internships at your company and we'll pass them to our students.
Match gifts	Many companies match employee gifts. Use The BTX Foundation, Inc., EIN 84-4891097.
Give personally	Gifts of $500 and up count as Bronze and are listed on our donor wall.

Our partners

Amazon sponsors the BTX Think Big Scholarship, $4,000 to one Clark School engineering student each school year. Accenture is a corporate donor.

Thank you to our individual donors: Cheryl Earle, Darrall Mosley, Kevin Thomas and Perrie Williams.

Our board

An eight-person board of Clark School engineering alumni runs BTX. Board members work at companies including Amazon, Amazon Web Services, Accenture, EY, Pratt & Whitney, Procon Consulting and Asensus.

Kelsey Davis	President · Technical Program Manager, Amazon Web Services
Cillisha Knights	Vice President · Business Technology Consultant, Procon Consulting
Dania Morris	Secretary · Project Manager, Asensus

Meet the full board at thebtxfoundation.org.

Sponsorship commitment

Fill this in and email it to info@thebtxfoundation.org, or mail it with your check.

Company name _____

Contact name and title _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Mailing address _____

Name for the donor wall _____

Level

☐ Bronze, $500 ☐ Silver, $2,500 ☐ Gold, $5,000

☐ Platinum, $15,000 ☐ Diamond, $25,000 ☐ Champion, $40,000

☐ Named scholarship, $5,000 or more a year ☐ Other amount: $_____

Payment

☐ Check, payable to The BTX Foundation, Inc. ☐ Online, on the Donate page at thebtxfoundation.org

Signature _____ Date _____

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