

# Start-to-Finish Scholars Program



**Supporting  
Students  
from  
Admission  
to Graduation  
and Beyond**

The Bridge Builders Foundation (BBF) has a multi-layered, start-to-finish program to support college-bound African American males. Each year, BBF selects a group of approximately 20 high school seniors based on academic achievement, civic involvement, community service, and financial need. These students receive the following services throughout their college experience:

- Financial Support
- College Preparedness and Persistence
- Remediation
- Mentoring/Coaching
- Career Advice and Assistance

### **Community Service**

Scholars are encouraged to give back through volunteerism with the Bridge BBF programs, as well as other local and school organizations. Community service is one criterion for initial and recurring renewal scholarships. Mentors help students identify local community service opportunities. These activities support BBF efforts to change the narrative for African American males.

### **Graduation Rates**

Since 2010, 65% of our student participants have graduated within 4 years, and 82% within 6 years, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Just 41% of all first-time full-time college students earn a bachelor's degree in 4 years, and only 59% earn a bachelor's degree in 6 years. The national 4-year average is 33.3% for public schools, and 52.8% for private colleges; and the 6-year average is 36% for African American males. (US Department of Education)

### **Overall College Readiness**

100% of our student participants report an increase in "knowledge and confidence" related to entering college after attending BBF's Successful Strategies educational sessions.

In addition, our students report reduced anxiety and apprehension about college after receiving our Conflict Resolution and Remediation Strategy instruction from same-race, same-gender instructors.



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