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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2023 Review

2023 has been a year of expansion for the Leon M. Poe scholarship foundation. It amazes me how many people took time to review our website, hear about our services and apply for our scholarship. It continues to show the needed help for minorities within the STEM fields. During the 2023 calendar year, we had over 1,500 students successfully complete the application requirements on time.

*"Be the CHANGE you wish to see in the world."
-Mahatma Gandhi*

Looking Ahead

As we look into the future, it is our hope that the Leon M. Poe Scholarship foundation can be a light to those interested in a STEM major. We know that every student that comes our way may not already have a mentor in industry or even know the right questions to ask. Through our interactions we want to make that path a little easier and be a helping hand to the next generation of diverse STEM leaders.

Edana Jones
Founder and President,
Leon M. Poe Scholarship Foundation
September 2024

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

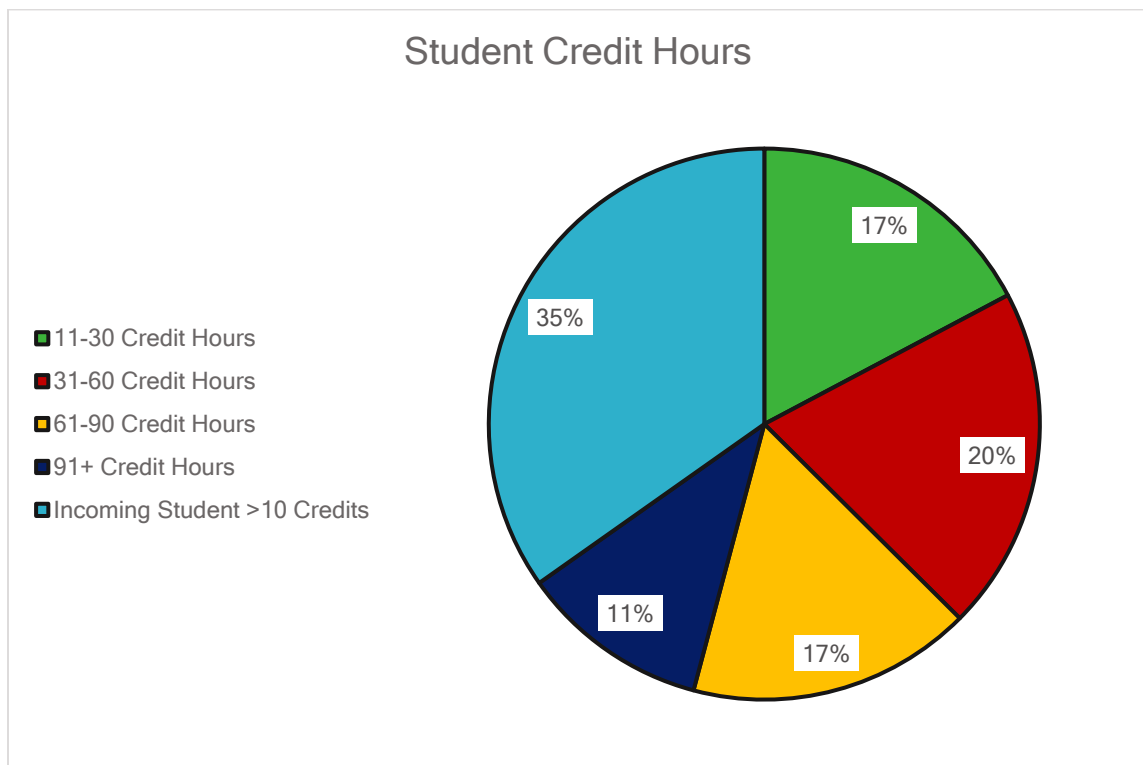
The Leon M. Poe Scholarship Foundation was primarily funded by board members for the 2023 calendar year. 90% of all funding collected was from the internal board. Throughout the year the other 10% of the income received was by private supporters who are familiar with our objectives and wanted to share in our efforts.

SCHOLARSHIP 2023

Applicants

Our second year of this process and there was substantial growth. In 2023, we had over 1400 applicants.

- ❖ The average Grade Point Average was 3.62 on a 4.0 scale.
- ❖ 570 first generation college students.
- ❖ The graph below shows the breakdown of where our applicants are on their collegiate journey.



Even though it's not possible to award all our applicants, each applicant was given the opportunity to receive feedback on their resume to help them in their future endeavors. We had over 400 students requesting feedback. We hope our feedback will help them continue to grow.

Scholarship Award

The Leon M. Poe Scholarship Foundation awarded 2 scholarships for the 2023 year.

- ❖ Stephone Cody is an incoming freshman at Morehouse college majoring in Computer Science.

- ❖ Halle Roache a sophomore at Louisiana State University majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

These students were able to successfully set themselves apart from the rest of the applicants. Their work, and presentations ultimately made them 2023 Leon M. Poe Scholarship recipients.

Again, thank you for helping us as we focus on helping the next generation of STEM.