



## ACCELERATING COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS OF COLOR



### OUR ORGANIZATION'S MISSION

**Established in 2002, Educational Student Tours (EST) College Access Program is an award-winning 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located in Los Angeles. The mission of EST is to increase access for Black foster and low-income youth to be admitted to and graduate from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).**

For students who experience foster care or live in single-parent households, a college education can seem as unreachable as the stars. EST works with two of our nation's most vulnerable populations for several reasons. We know that if foster youth graduate from high school and do not enroll in college, within two to four years many are unemployed, on public assistance, homeless, or involved in the criminal justice system. We also know that the proportion of black children living in low-income single-parent households has increased exponentially to 55 percent, decreasing their chances of achieving a college education. Join our effort and help provide critical support systems and resources that expand college opportunity for students in our community.

#### **Services for College Applicants, Students and Graduates.**

College application and scholarship essay coaching, financial aid application assistance, financial literacy, mentoring, virtual HBCU campus tours and admissions presentations, college application fees, admissions and housing deposits, tuition assistance, alumni network, and graduate school assistance.

#### **Outcomes**

**99% college-going rate • 70% attend HBCUs • 4,000+ Alumni**

Alumni are doctors, nurses, engineers, scientists, lawyers, etc.

#### **Target Demographics**

Foster and low-income (average household income of \$35,000 or less) underserved youth from inner city communities.

#### **Direct Beneficiaries Per Year**

Approximately 70 new students per year, and 300 current students enrolled in college.

#### **Geographic areas served**

Los Angeles, Lancaster, Antelope Valley, South Central Los Angeles, Compton, Watts, Inglewood, Carson, Long Beach, San Pedro and surrounding areas

**To find out more about the transformational work that we are doing, or how you can help us make a difference, visit our website at [blackcollegetours.org](http://blackcollegetours.org), call us at (310) 215-9522, or email us at [yasmin@educationalstudenttours.org](mailto:yasmin@educationalstudenttours.org).**