The Coleman A. Young Foundation (CAYF) is a 501(c)(3) organization, established by the late Mayor Coleman A. Young in 1982 to help young people succeed in their education and in life. We identify young people with leadership potential, a desire to graduate from college, and a genuine need for support and help assure their success. Our programs prepare Detroit youth for success in college, and in life. Our work is about much more than writing a check. We identify youth with leadership potential, who demonstrate the desire to graduate from college, show a genuine need for support, and mentor them until they reach their goals.

MISSION, VISION & VALUES

Mission: CAYF develops leadership among Detroit’s youth through college scholarships, mentoring and other supports for personal growth and development.

Vision: Through scholarships, mentoring, and professional development, CAYF aims to develop young Detroit leaders and support them through college and into their careers.

Values: Integrity, Families First, Impact-Driven Best Practice, Respect For All

PROGRAMMING

CAYF Scholars
Up to $22,000 over 4 years
- Scholarship, training, support
- High School Students
- 425 scholars, to date

Skillman Legacy
Up to $10,000 over 4 years (11-18)
- Scholarship, training, support
- High School Students
- 86 scholars, to date

REAL Skills 2.0
Professional development
- Workshops for parents/youth
- Grades 6 - 11
- 3,000+ scholars served

PROGRAM IMPACT

Of the more than 500 young people named as CAYF scholars through the years, more than 90 percent have graduated from college or are on track to achieve that goal, and 60 percent have returned to the Detroit area to live and work. The foundation was established by the late Mayor Coleman A. Young in 1982 to help young people succeed in their education and in life. In speaking of the foundation, the late Mayor once said, “Of all the things I’ve done, I think this may be the best thing I’ve accomplished.”

✓ Provided more than 511 scholarships, valued at over $7.2M
✓ Over 60% of CAYF Graduates remain in MI, post-graduation
✓ Over 700 students served by scholarships/programming
✓ 91% college graduation among CAYF Scholars
✓ 100% HS graduation among Real Skills 2.0 students
✓ 34 years of uninterrupted programming/scholarships

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