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## DOMINICA-AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP & CULTURE, INC.

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### **2024 SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE FOR DESERVING STUDENTS IN NEED** DONOR SOLICITATION LETTER

DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

As we continue to celebrate our 20+ years of operating, we feel compelled to strengthen our finances and are turning to friends, family and past supporters during this brief Fund Drive which will run from April 1 - April 30, 2024. We are asking you to consider a cash donation to help us continue the important work of helping young people through our Scholarship Program. Your support is vital in helping solve the problems we face as a society when our children fail to reach their full potential due to lack of education.

For 20+ years, DASCI has focused on making it possible for students in need of financial assistance to access secondary and college education. The scholarships DASCI has awarded to college-bound minority graduates of high schools in Saint Lucie County, Florida and to students entering secondary school in the Caribbean island of Dominica have eased the financial hurdles that so often stand between economically disadvantaged youth and their families and access to a good education and its society-wide benefits.

DASCI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization mostly comprised of Dominicans and is governed by a volunteer board elected by its members. Membership dues are used to offset the organization's administrative expenses and 100% of fundraising proceeds are used to fund DASCI's Scholarship Program. In accordance with its Bylaws, DASCI's mission is to foster cooperation and goodwill among Dominicans, other Caribbean peoples, and fellow Americans. The organization accomplishes its mission, in part, by sponsoring charitable programs for the needy in Dominica and the USA.

Between 2007 and 2023, DASCI awarded 135 scholarships with a combined value of \$ 88,450 to deserving students. While we are proud of our accomplishments, DASCI could serve many more young people if the funds were available to underwrite more scholarships.

We thank you in advance for your support! No gift is too little. Your tax-deductible donation is greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged in writing. And remember company gift-matching!

Your donation can be made as follows: 1) Click the donate button on DASCI's website at [www.dasci.org](http://www.dasci.org) and make a donation using a credit or debit card, 2) Mail a check or money order made out to DASCI and mail to the Treasurer Anthony Thomas at P.O. Box 360246, Melbourne, Florida 32936-0246.

Sincerely,

Patricia David, President  
[www.dasci.org](http://www.dasci.org)