



2019 – 2020 Scholarship Information

General Fresh Start Information:

- Statewide organization with an all-volunteer board
- Started in 1996 by Wilmington Women in Business – the founding President, Mary Maloney, served as President for the first 17 years and remains on our board today
- The only criteria for applying: they must live or work in Delaware and attend a Delaware College, have a gap in their education (i.e. did not go to college directly out of high school or dropped out after starting), be at least 20 years old, and have a financial need for tuition assistance
- Each scholar has a mentor to help guide her through the rough patches and to help with networking for internships and employment
- We consider a number of factors in deciding on the scholarship funding amounts for each woman including their financial situation (most of our scholars are considered low-income or very low income), the cost per credit at the school they are attending, and how many credit hours they will be taking each semester
- Have 12 Advisory Board members – community leaders willing to lend their expertise
- Have given **555 scholarships (to 248 individuals) totaling over \$1.1 million**
- **141 graduates to date with a graduation rate of 70.85%** (this does not include those who dropped out for health reasons or died before graduating or those we denied re-application)

2019-2020 School Year Scholar Statistics:

- Awarded **\$98,336 to 37 scholars (21 returning and 16 new)**. After the 1st semester they **average a 3.5 GPA!**

Marital Status:

35% (13) **single with children**
30% (11) **single**
24% (9) **married with children**
11% (4) **divorced with children**

Age:

51% (19) **30-39**
24% (9) **20-29**
16% (6) **40-49**
8% (3) **50-59**

Schools Attending:

51% (19) **Del Tech**
35% (13) **Wilmington University**
5% (2) **Delaware State**
3% (1) **University of Delaware**
3% (1) **Wesley College**
3% (1) **Goldey-Beacom College**

Ethnicity:

48% (18) **Black/African-American**
27% (10) **White/Caucasian**
19% (7) **Hispanic Latino**
3% (1) **Asian**
3% (1) **Mixed Race**

Hometown:

73% (27) **New Castle County**
19% (7) **Sussex County**
8% (3) **Kent County**

Majors:

54% (20) **Healthcare**
16% (6) **Business**
14% (5) **Social Sciences**
6% (2) **Education**
6% (2) **Technology**
6% (2) **TBD (not yet declared)**