

# **The Ewing-Jones Scholarship**

**Supporting Chicago Freshmen in Attending the Du Bois Scholars Institute**

**Due November 30, 2017**

## **Who are we?**

We (Dr. Eve Ewing and Dr. Damon Jones, both professors at the University of Chicago) became engaged on August 16, 2017, and we are so excited to start the next chapter of our life together. One thing we share as a couple is a commitment to service and fighting for access to the things people in our communities need and deserve in order to be free. This is a commitment we admire and appreciate about each other and it is a cornerstone of our relationship. As we look forward to our marriage, we agreed that rather than honor our love and partnership with a ring, we would like to support a young person in taking the next steps in their life.

Although we grew up in different places (Chicago, IL and Hillside, NJ) we both had very similar experiences. We were supported and loved not only by our families, but by others--mentors, educators, scholarship donors, program leaders-- who saw something in us and who made our life journeys possible with their generosity of time and spirit. Without these people, we would not be who we are. Their kindness and their faith saw us go from Chicago and New Jersey to the University of Chicago, Harvard, Berkeley, and Stanford. We are blessed to be able to do work we love, to pursue our passions and our intellectual curiosity while also being able to make a living. While we understand that academia and formal educational institutions are not the only pathway to a fulfilling life by any means, for us the pursuit of scholarship has been life-changing. Now, we want to celebrate our partnership and the people who helped get us here by paving the road for someone else.

## **What is the Ewing-Jones Scholarship?**

The Ewing-Jones Scholarship will support one young person who wishes to attend the W.E.B. Du Bois Scholars Institute, hosted at Princeton University. The mission of the program is as follows:

*The WEB Du Bois Scholars Institute is a leadership development organization for adolescents and secondary students from families and communities who have experienced historical barriers to achievement and opportunity. To help overcome these challenges, the Institute develops a diverse cadre of leaders and scholars who, through rigorous preparation and nurturance, excel in higher education and professionally. With an array of academic enriched content, career development resources and cultural awareness, the Institute aims to foster well rounded young minds and wisdom-loving change agents working to create a more just and humane world.*

Supporting a student who wishes to attend this program represents a union of our individual interests. Damon participated in the Du Bois Scholars Institute as a high school student and has remained active in the organization throughout his life; currently he is the Chair of the Board of Directors. Eve, a sociologist of education, is passionate about educational access, racial justice, culturally-sustaining pedagogy, and the life and legacy of W.E.B. Du Bois.

### **Who is eligible?**

Applicants for the Ewing-Jones Scholarship must meet the following requirements.

- A freshman enrolled in a high school within the City of Chicago.
- Identify as Black or Latinx and reside in a household with an income of \$65,000 or less.
- At least an overall B average.
- Complete an essay consisting of at least 500 words stating why you wish to participate in the Institute and describing your education and career goals, community service activities and/or leadership roles you have performed.
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation; at least one from a teacher or counselor. You must complete the student application.
- Submit an official transcript.
- Available to participate in the full Summer Institute program, which is four weeks long and is a residential program on the Princeton University campus. The scholarship will support travel, room and board, and books (which you will keep after the Institute has ended). You will be responsible for any extra costs (snacks, spending money, etc).

**Before submitting an application, please visit the Du Bois Scholars website and explore to see if the program seems like a good fit for you: [duboisscholars.org](http://duboisscholars.org)**

**To apply, visit [eveewing.com/scholarship](http://eveewing.com/scholarship). Deadline to apply: November 30.**