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## **Music superstars award \$100K scholarship to Gwinnett student**

**Karissa Jackson, a Discovery High School student, has been awarded a \$100,000 scholarship by Beyoncé and Jay-Z. Beyoncé's BeyGOOD Initiative and Jay-Z's Shawn Carter Foundation** teamed up to create a new scholarship program for exceptional high school seniors. Jackson was selected for her excellence in the classroom, as well as for her leadership and work in the community. The aspiring social worker and longtime member of the



Lawrenceville Boys & Girls Club has taken part in road clean-ups, community beautification projects, mentored younger students and participates in a program that provides holiday meals and meals for military families. Jackson says winning the scholarship is humbling.

“I feel that the scholarship is a true blessing,” Jackson said. “It is just amazing that somebody took the time to notice and recognize the potential I have. I am inspired by my Boys and Girls Club staff and members, as well as many Gwinnett County Public Schools teachers who have truly touched my heart and promoted the ideology of a citizen that is active in their community. I am extremely grateful and overjoyed to be the recipient of such a prestigious scholarship given by living legends.”

The BeyGOOD Initiative and the Shawn Carter Foundation will award more than \$1 million in \$100K scholarships. Each recipient will have \$100K put toward their enrollment and the award will serve as a dedicated university-based fund for each selected student throughout the duration of their enrollment.

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