

## HISTORY

The Order of The Lamp, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded in January 1950 by Mrs. Ellarae Saunders, a visionary with an altruistic spirit, and a small group of like-minded charter members. Motivated by a deep concern for the future of young African Americans in the community, they established the organization with a clear mission: to aid and encourage the pursuit of higher education—whether academic or vocational—and to elevate the intellectual, spiritual, social, and moral standards of Black youth.

The Order of The Lamp, Inc. offers scholarships and grants to high school graduates from Glen Rock High School and Ridgewood High School. Scholarships are provided throughout all four years of their undergraduate education, a unique benefit that sets our organization apart from others. Over the years, the organization has provided significant financial support to recipients accepted into leading colleges and universities across the United States. These individuals consistently achieve outstanding academic success and go on to make meaningful contributions to their families, communities, and society at large.

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**"A single lamp can light a thousand more."**



# The Order of the **Lamp, Inc.**

Founded on January 30, 1950 by Ella Rae Saunders & Family

***A Legacy of Illuminating Paths to Higher Education***

## PURPOSE

Our purpose is to provide African-American high school graduates of Glen Rock and Ridgewood High Schools with financial support for all four years of their undergraduate college education—a unique commitment we have proudly upheld for over 74 years. We are dedicated to helping students identify and achieve their educational goals, guiding them to institutions that best align with their aspirations, supporting career planning, and fostering opportunities for civic engagement and educational assistance. At the heart of our organization is a strong sense of community, ensuring that scholarship recipients have the resources and support they need to thrive in higher education and beyond.



### Mission:

To provide financial support, scholarships, and grants to AfricTo provide the fuel—resources, mentorship, and funding—that allows students to shine in their academic pursuits.



### Focus:

The organization supports students throughout all four years of their undergraduate education, aiming to foster educational, spiritual, social, and moral development.



### Reputation and Credibility

We ignite the potential within every student by removing financial barriers and providing a guiding light through scholarships and mentorship.

## WHY SUPPORT

Your donation provides critical tuition security while building diverse educational equity. Investing will ensure that the flame of knowledge never flickers, empowering the next generation to lead with clarity and purpose.

**Annually Funding over \$13,000**



## OUR SERVICES:

The Order of The Lamp is dedicated to breaking systemic financial barriers while creating partnerships to ensure success for scholars.



### Academic Scholarships

We provide financial support to deserving students pursuing higher education.



### Mentorship

Our scholars receive guidance from experienced professionals committed to their growth.



### Volunteerism

We pride ourselves on being a supportive and passionate team, dedicated to fostering educational opportunities



### Community Engagement

We foster service-minded scholars who understand the power of giving back