

THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS!

Your incredible support this year has enabled us to provide underserved students with education, mentorship and careers, relieving financial barriers and equipping them with the support and resources needed for a successful future!

Thanks to your support, our students received:

- Financial support to cover the cost of tuition, textbooks, and technology.
- Bi-weekly group mentorship, coaching, and personal development sessions.
- One-on-one career-readiness coaching, interview skills development, and job placement within 45 days of graduation.
- Emergency network and support as needed (ie. groceries, transportation, etc.).

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The average grade of students in the program.

300+

Number of career outcomes over the last 2 years!

Attending a post-secondary institution is something that students from underserved communities often find unattainable. **With the support of our donors, we are able to break down the financial barrier to education that our students face, giving them a hand up and a new hope for a sustainable, successful future.** We believe in the transformative power of education, and your commitment makes it possible to change the trajectory of young lives, empowering the next generation of leaders. With your ongoing support, our students are no longer just surviving—they are thriving, equipped with the skills and confidence to achieve their dreams.

ABOUT OUR YOUTH

31%

of our students are the first in their families to attend post-secondary institutions.

50%

of our students access social assistance programs.

100%

of our students are referred from community partners with deep roots in the community (such as youth shelters or vetted community-based programs).





MEET CAITLIN!

“Before starting post-secondary education, I had encountered a few challenges. Financially managing tuition, living expenses, and school supplies has been a significant concern, particularly with the uncertainty of when funds will be available.

I believe the Pinball Foundation’s mentorship will be invaluable over the next 4 years. Financial assistance will help with my concerns about expenses, while mentorship and resources will provide much-needed guidance for a smoother transition into school and help me achieve success in my academic career.

I was also heavily interested in applying to the Foundation as they focus more on mentorship and community building, rather than solely providing grants and loans. I loved the concept of being able to have someone to confide in about my passions, career goals, and personal concerns. It was exciting to have the chance to be a part of something.

I’d like to extend a sincere thank you to all the donors and supporters of the Pinball Foundation. Your generosity is truly appreciated, and I’m excited about the opportunities it will open up for me. I’m committed to making the most of this support and hope to give back and contribute to the community in the future. Your help means a lot, and I’m grateful for the difference you’re making in my journey.”

Caitlin

Caitlin just began her first year
with the Foundation



Your incredible investment in our students over the years has been transformational!

Thank you for being a critical part of their journey and for investing in a future where all youth have the opportunity to succeed. Your generosity is making a lasting impact, and we couldn't do it without you.

In collaboration with our professional and dedicated mentorship team, students in our program receive incredible bi-weekly group mentorship as well as countless hours of opportunities to connect 1:1 and network. Mentorship builds a community of support that sets our programs apart from a typical scholarship. Here are just a few examples of the impact they've shared with us.



"Through the Pinball Foundation, I discovered not just how to achieve success, but how to move from success to significance. Their guidance and support taught me the power of giving back and using my accomplishments to uplift others, creating a ripple effect of positive change."

- Tenisha, University of Guelph-Humber, Justice Studies



"The Pinball Foundation has been such an amazing program that has truly changed my life. It has given me the opportunity to chase my passions and pursue my goals in ways I never thought possible. Beyond the incredible opportunities, the Foundation provides unwavering support, guidance, and encouragement from the entire team."

- Jamilah, Alumni



"Just thinking about the Margins to Mainstream Bursary program brings tears of love and appreciation. My post-secondary journey and life's journey would be nothing without the program."

- Courtney, McMaster University, Honours Life Science



"Being part of the Pinball Foundation has empowered me to unleash my full potential in every room I enter. The invaluable mentorship I've received has not only nurtured my voice but also provided me with diverse insights that have enriched both my academic and personal journey."

- Anya, York University, Faculty of Social Work

Our exceptional careers team breaks down barriers for marginalized youth, providing access to career opportunities across industries and driving outcomes that lead to sustainable employment for these young individuals across Canada. Here are just a few of our recent placements.



Cole Donald, Bell

Cole Donald secured a position as a Customer Experience, Marketing, and Applied Technologies Intern with Bell in the summer! He is studying Communications with a minor in Music at Wilfred Laurier University. He is also a Margins to Mainstream student with the Foundation.

Mercy Umolu, City of Mississauga

Mercy Umolu was one of the first-ever recipients of the Foundation's Margins to Mainstream Program, which she used to complete a Civil Engineering Technology Diploma from George Brown College!



Naweedullah Hussaini, Bird Construction

Naweedullah Hussaini is a student at York University studying Computer Engineering Program. He is currently doing his co-op as a Project Coordinator at Bird Construction. He is a recipient of the Margins to Mainstream program.

Jenet Ghumman, Edelman

Jenet Ghumman recently landed a role with Edelman as a Technical Intern. She is a recipient of the Margins to Mainstream program and a graduate from the University of Ottawa with a degree in Computer Engineering.

