



Dr. CGK Foundation to Award \$25,000 in Scholarships at Inaugural Gala Supporting Single Mothers in Greater Houston

HOUSTON, TX – July 1, 2025 – The Dr. Courtney Gatlin Keener Foundation (Dr. CGK Foundation) is proud to announce it will award \$25,000 in academic scholarships during its inaugural fundraising gala, to be held July 26, 2025, at the Houston Marriott Sugar Land.

Dedicated to bridging the gap between vulnerability and sustainability for low-to-median-income single mothers in the Greater Houston area, the Dr. CGK Foundation empowers women to turn barriers into stepping stones. The 2025 scholarship recipients will be celebrated during this special evening.

“Although I’m happily married now, the struggles of single motherhood are not lost on me,” said Dr. Courtney Gatlin Keener, founder of the Dr. CGK Foundation. *“After overcoming personal challenges that once delayed my academic dreams, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to not only serve as an example—but to provide financial support to other single mothers as they pursue their own academic dreams.”*

Since its founding in 2021, the Dr. CGK Foundation has awarded \$35,000 in scholarships to 21 marginalized single mothers determined to improve their lives and create a brighter future for their children. By supporting their personal and professional development, the Foundation helps women move from being statistics to becoming success stories.

In addition to its signature Queen Scholarship Program, the Foundation introduced the J.E.W.E.L.S. (Just Everyday Women Exceeding Life’s Stereotypes™) program in January 2024. This initiative offers empowering services designed to help single mothers navigate the complexities of parenting while pursuing their personal and professional goals. Through hands-on and interactive workshops, participants receive guidance on financial literacy, business etiquette, interview preparation, and career development. Sessions also offer practical tools for homeownership and entrepreneurship.

The 2025 Scholarship Awards Gala & Fundraiser, presented by Wood, will be hosted by Chelsea Edwards, FOX26 talk show host, and will feature a keynote address by Crystal Smith, CEO & Founder of *Six Figure Single Mom LLC*.

To learn more about the gala, including ticket registration and sponsorship opportunities, please visit: www.drcgk.org/gala

About the Dr. Courtney Gatlin Keener Foundation

The Dr. CGK Foundation is a Greater Houston-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to uplifting low-to-median-income single mothers through scholarships, mentorship, and skill-building programs. By investing in education and empowerment, the Foundation supports the transformation of lives and communities—one single mom at a time.