



## **GRAMMY MUSEUM® AND RECORDING ACADEMY® ANNOUNCE QUINN COLEMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND TO ELEVATE A NEW GENERATION OF BLACK MUSIC CREATORS**

### **MULTI-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP KICKING OFF IN 2022 WILL PROVIDE SELECT COLLEGE STUDENTS A COMPREHENSIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM WITH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITES**

**LOS ANGELES (JUNE 22, 2021)** — The GRAMMY Museum® and the Recording Academy® have announced today, in celebration of Black Music Month, a new multi-year scholarship and internship program. The objective is to elevate a new generation of Black music creators through a career development program for college students that will begin in 2022. The Quinn Coleman Scholarship is a financial scholarship and comprehensive internship program that aims to continue to eliminate barriers in the music industry by providing professional development opportunities to help prepare students for full-time employment.

“The music industry, Quinn’s family and friends and the general public came together to donate funds in memory of Quinn with the aim to impact the future of music. In collaboration with Quinn’s family, the GRAMMY Museum is honored to be the custodian of those funds to provide financial resources that will help to provide a pathway of professional development and careers for the next generation of Black music creators,” said Michael Sticka, President of the GRAMMY Museum. “Our aim is to continue fundraising in Quinn’s honor to eventually establish an endowment to ensure that this important program and work lasts well into the future.”

The GRAMMY Museum will select currently enrolled college students in Atlanta, Los Angeles, Nashville, New York City, and Washington, D.C., or surrounding areas who intend to pursue careers in the music industry or other related creative fields. One intern will be chosen from each city, for a total of five interns per year, who will work with the GRAMMY Museum, Recording Academy and affiliated chapters. Each of the chosen interns will be awarded a scholarship for tuition, a book and equipment stipend, money to invest in a personal portfolio, and an interview preparation stipend, in addition to their paid summer internship.

“Quinn’s creativity defied labels and expectations. In the mixing of songs shared during nights as 'DJ Spicoli'; in the creation of his genre blending festival Trillectro, which brought together musicians rarely placed together on the same lineup; and in countless other collaborations and projects, Quinn had the foresight to create connections that others didn’t see coming. I am honored to have this internship and scholarship program named after my son, Quinn. Quinn had a passion for helping young Black music creators and artists, and this program will help keep his legacy alive,” said Debra Lee, Former Chairman & CEO, BET Networks.

More details on the scholarship and internship program, including eligibility requirements, will be announced in spring 2022. For more information on the GRAMMY Museum, visit [here](#). Progress and future announcements regarding the Recording Academy's recent initiatives can be found [here](#).



## **ABOUT THE GRAMMY MUSEUM**

Established in 2008, the GRAMMY Museum is a nonprofit organization dedicated to cultivating a greater understanding of the history and significance of music through exhibits, education, grants, preservation initiatives, and public programming. Paying tribute to our collective musical heritage, the Museum explores and celebrates all aspects of the art form — from the technology of the recording process to the legends who've made lasting marks on our cultural identity.

For more information, visit [www.grammymuseum.org](http://www.grammymuseum.org), "like" the GRAMMY Museum on Facebook, and follow @GRAMMYMuseum on Twitter and Instagram.

## **ABOUT THE RECORDING ACADEMY**

The Recording Academy represents the voices of performers, songwriters, producers, engineers, and all music professionals. Dedicated to ensuring the recording arts remain a thriving part of our shared cultural heritage, the Academy honors music's history while investing in its future through the GRAMMY Museum, advocates on behalf of music creators, supports music people in times of need through MusiCares®, and celebrates artistic excellence through the GRAMMY Awards — music's only peer-recognized accolade and highest achievement. As the world's leading society of music professionals, we work year-round to foster a more inspiring world for creators.

For more information about the Academy, please visit [www.grammy.com](http://www.grammy.com). For breaking news and exclusive content, follow @RecordingAcad on [Twitter](#), "like" Recording Academy on [Facebook](#), and join the Recording Academy's social communities on [Instagram](#), [Tumblr](#), [YouTube](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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