

## Our Mission

SAGE empowers young Guyanese to contribute positively and effectively to their country by increasing their access to post-secondary education. We identify secondary students with high academic potential but limited financial means and provide these students with scholarships to help fulfill their commitment to Guyana.



*“As a child growing up, I was told that in order to make Guyana a better place I must do my part.” “It is always my heart’s desire to become an Agronomist; one who will give back to the Country which is lacking in the field of agriculture.”*

– Caleb Morris, 2010 SAGE Scholar,  
Studying Agriculture

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# Scholarship for Advanced Guyanese Education

## **Mission:**

**Investing in Guyana, One Student at a Time.**

SAGE empowers young Guyanese to contribute positively and effectively to their country by increasing their access to post-secondary education. SAGE fosters development by identifying students with a commitment to their country, high academic promise, and limited financial means, and provides these students with scholarships while encouraging recipients to work within Guyana for several years after graduating. Targeting students living in the interior of Guyana allows educational resources to be re-invested in areas where development is critical.

## **Why Guyana?**

Guyana is situated on the northern coast of South America. It boasts some of the world's most natural beauty including the world's tallest single drop waterfall, Kaieteur Falls, and an abundance of lush vegetation. Historically, Guyana, formerly known as British Guiana, was colonized by the Dutch and British. After gaining independence from Britain in 1966, it has struggled economically and politically. Guyana suffers from a dilapidated education system, in which only 6.1% of the population<sup>1</sup> pursues higher education at institutions such as the University of Guyana (UG).

Those who attend UG typically depart for other countries, leaving an education vacuum in their home country. Also, a lack of a solid transportation infrastructure limits the ability of many Guyanese living outside of the capital city of Georgetown, from attending tertiary education, despite surpassing entry requirements.

<sup>1</sup>WorldBank - <http://www.worldbank.org>

## **Why Donate?**

Approximately \$700 USD pays for an entire year's tuition of the best available post-secondary education in Guyana. Just as attending college in the United States provides a student with a wealth of training and educational opportunities, attending the University of Guyana changes lives for the better in Guyana. Job opportunities are more limited in Guyana, so having a post-secondary education is a great asset, providing a new world of opportunities for those privileged enough to attend these institutions.

## **Ways to support SAGE Scholars**

\$20 USD finances library and lab fees for one year.  
\$40 USD buys a required textbook for each scholar.  
\$50 USD provides monthly housing on campus.  
\$200 USD enables travel from interior regions to UG.  
\$700 USD funds yearly tuition at UG.

## **Future Plans for Expanding Program Services**

With the help of donors, SAGE plans to expand its services to our scholars, including:

- Literacy and Career Workshops
- Faculty Mentors Community Projects and Internships



## **Current SAGE Scholars**

By donating you allow us to continue providing SAGE scholars like Patricee Douglas (2009), a sophomore studying biology and pre-med, and Caleb Morris (2010), a freshman studying agriculture, with a strong education at the University of Guyana. Your generous donation will also assist us in supporting future scholars who plan to use their degrees for the advancement of Guyana. \$700 USD funds yearly tuition at UG.



*“Education is so important to one's life that it seems difficult to imagine change without it... Whatever the area may be that we seek to be involved with education will be the most important factor in the success of our future and Guyana's future... With education it is assured that the changes we as young people make will add positively to the development of Guyana.”*

– Patricee Douglas, 2009 SAGE Scholar,  
Studying Medicine