



# TARQ S. CLARIDA

## Scholarship Foundation

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**ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP:** The TSCSF was created through the generosity of family, friends, and supporters of Tarq S. Clarida with hopes of contributing to the academic grow of an individual who knows the value of hard work and stands out among their peers.

"When I found out I was the recipient of the TSC scholarship I was very excited and grateful. I am very honored to have been chosen out of a large group of students who applied for the scholarship. Receiving this scholarship motivated me to do my best in school. I wanted to show the people who chose me that they had made the right decision. Today I have a 4.0 GPA and have been accepted into the nursing program at my school. This scholarship influenced me to push myself and to achieve my goals. My dream is to one day become a Nurse Practitioner . After receiving my RN, I plan to get my BSN and Masters degree from The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

*My advice to future TSC scholars is to believe in yourself. College is difficult, but with God and amazing supporters like the TSC Foundation you can achieve anything."*

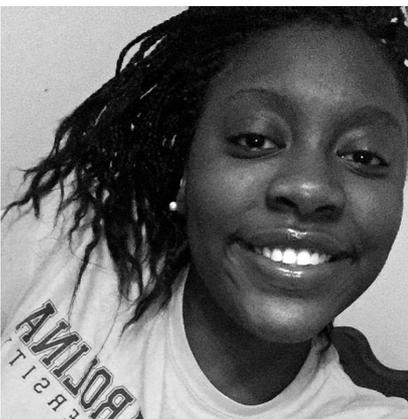
### '15-'16 TSC SCHOLAR



*Katie Evans*

BRUNSWICK  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### '14-'15 TSC SCHOLAR



*Ariel Rhody*

NORTH CAROLINA  
CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

"When I found out that I was going to be the next TSC Scholar I was very excited because it would be less money that would have to come out my pocket or my parents pocket. I had worked very hard on my essay so I was even more proud of myself knowing that my hard work didn't go unnoticed. The scholarship impacted my academic performance because it allowed me to purchase my books for my freshman year. My future aspirations is to get my Bachelors in Social Work then proceed to get my Masters and Doctorates.

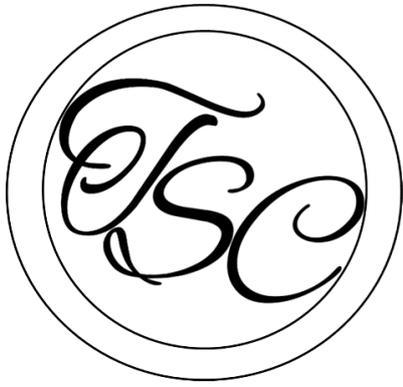
*The future advice I would give to the future TSC scholars is to never give up no matter how hard college get. You can do it ."*



## 2016-2017 will be publicly announced soon!



*On the back page, you will find a personal story and motorcycle facts!*



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## Life Changing

*personal story*

BY CARMAINE WILLIAMS

On April 22, 2007, my life completely change by being involved in a motorcycle accident. I was 22 years old with a 6-month-old baby boy. On my way to Rico Drag Strip in Hallsboro NC, I lost control of my motorcycle when my front tire busted. I was thrown from the motorcycle into a ditch as the motorcycle hit a tree.

At the time, I was running 100 mph! When I hit the ditch bank, my spinal cord broke and the nerves in my left arm were stretched. The damage done to my left arm is called a brachial plexus injury. Brachial plexus hinders me from being able to use my left arm. The breaking my spinal cord resulted in me being paralyzed from the waist down.

In addition to those injuries, holes were punched in both of my lungs. I had to have chest tubes until my lungs healed. Ultimately, I stayed in the hospital one month and seven days. This life changing situation came from doing something I loved to do, and that was riding my motorcycle. Before this accident, I came close to being hit by other drivers who were not paying attention while they were driving. People call motorcycles dangerous but it isn't the motorcycle, it is the person riding it. Freak accidents happen all the time, but I encourage anyone who loves to ride to respect the bike, in which, means being careful and responsible while riding. Always watch for others on the road because people do not always watch out for motorcycles.

I consider myself blessed because some people do not live from their accident, and some are in worse shape than I am. Now, 9 years later, I have a wife, three boys, and a family who loves me. The Lord is still blessing me and there is a big question people love to ask me, "When you start walking again, will you go back to riding motorcycles?"

IN  
**2014**  
Data Shows



Motorcycle deaths accounted for 13% of all motor vehicle crash deaths



42% of motorcyclist deaths occurred in single-vehicle crashes, and 58% occurred in multiple-vehicle crashes



Among motorcycle drivers killed, 32% drove motorcycles with engine size larger than 1,400 cc



57% of motorcyclist deaths occurred on major roads other than interstates and freeways