



## **Bezos Scholar Participant Expectations**

By accepting the offer to voluntarily join the Bezos Scholars Program ("BSP") and become an active, contributing participant of my Scholar cohort, I understand and am agreeing to the following student and educator participant expectations and commitments:

### **Virtual Sessions**

- Over the course of the Scholar year:
  - Students will keep an 80% or higher attendance rate.
  - Educators will keep a 70% or higher attendance rate, supporting students in keeping theirs.
- If I absolutely cannot attend a virtual session, barring an emergency or power/Wi-Fi connectivity issues, I will communicate in advance via email asking for an excused absence by sharing what session date I cannot make and why.
- If I miss a session, it is my responsibility to catch up on what I missed using the resources provided.
- I will access, track, complete and submit Scholar work assigned to me by BSP, ensuring I complete all readings, assignments, and independent/teamwork requested by assigned due dates.

### **Aspen Trip**

- I commit to attending the entire Aspen trip (trip dates shared during selection process) and will not make any plans for the day of departure from my hometown as well as departure from Aspen, to account for needed travel time.
- Educator Scholars are the students' chaperones while traveling to and from Aspen. Program staff are chaperones from the time students arrive in Aspen until they depart. While there, educators are participants and may play a support role as needed/requested by students and/or program staff.
- I will follow all rules and expectations shared with me before and during the trip.

### **Community Change Project**

I understand that I am responsible for meeting monthly milestones set by BSP, with the support of my educator and BSP staff. These milestones include:

- Conducting community engagement efforts to engage diverse stakeholders to inform your project selection and design.
- Building a team, beyond my Scholar teammate(s) who will help me design, develop and implement a project.
- Submitting and revising (when applicable) a strong grant proposal that lays out my vision and project plans by the due date set by the program. This includes securing an approved fiscal sponsor who will accept your grant award funding on your project's behalf.
- Creating and submitting a project logo and other information about my project progress as requested.



- Planning and co-facilitating a virtual project presentation during an assigned project showcase event.
- Carrying out goals, action steps and activities me and my team set that are imperative for our project's success.
- Launching my project by the end of February on my senior year or an agreed upon date set in advance with BSP staff and completing it before my high school graduation, as laid out in my grant proposal.
- Submitting a completed final report by the due date set by the program or an agreed upon date set in advance with program staff.

### **Overall Expectations**

I understand that:

- I must fully and successfully carry out a Scholar Community Change Project to receive the grant funding offered.
- If my project does not launch and/or I don't complete and meet grant deliverables, such as the proposal and final report, my project may not be eligible for continued funding.
- If I do not fully and successfully complete my Scholar year and my Scholar Community Change Project, I may not be eligible to join the Bezos Scholars Alum Network or engage in opportunities offered through the Network.
- As a student Scholar, while I am an active program participant, I will refrain from engaging in any consensual romantic relationships with fellow student Scholars in my cohort until after I become a program alum.
- Educators understand that as a voluntary participant, if they do not meet the above expectations or if they step down or are removed from the program for any reason, they may not receive some or all the honorarium offered.
- Bezos Family Foundation staff will exercise sole, ethical and fair discretion when determining what constitutes inappropriate behavior or an infringement of the Scholar Agreements and Expectations and will arrange for program removal or early departure from the trip portion of the program if necessary.