## **Seedling Mentees Win Scholarship Award**

Through generous donations, the Seedling Foundation has had the privilege of offering our 8th grade Seedling mentees an opportunity to compete for a \$5,000.00 scholarship for higher education, to be bestowed upon graduation. We are proud to announce that 3 Seedling mentees were awarded the prize this year. Please enjoy some thoughts and declarations from the 2016 winning essays.

"My dad has worked his whole life to support my two sisters and me. He is trying to help us reach our goals in life, and I want him to reach his goals in life, to see his kids grow up to become happy adults."

"I want to help young people just like me to get through their problems and let them know they are not alone."

"My mentor has helped me forgive people and learn to leave things in the past. She has taught me to strive for better than what I thought I could have."

"I have always wanted to be a writer or journalist because I love to write. I am working on my first book and I plan on finishing it. By college, and maybe beyond, I want to look back at myself and say, 'Wow, I made it this far!'"