



# VERSIONS

# 501(c)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION SUMMARY

## Who Are We:

Here at Versions, we believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to achieve their dreams regardless of their background. Version is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a focus on providing social, financial and economic support to youth and their communities. We accomplish this by offering scholarships, relative programs and other various resources.

Our mission is to help young people harness their potential by making education obtainable for everyone regardless of their grade point average, economical standing, or career choice. We strive to enrich the lives of young people, who would otherwise be overlooked, by providing financial assistance, resources, and guidance to positively impact their lives and inspire transformative change.

**“There’s plenty of scholarships for the 4.0 students; but did anyone ever consider 2.0 students want to go to college too?”**

This statement pierced the heart of our founder L. Renee Haynes and in that very instant, she knew that statement was her call to action. She recalled how difficult it was to not just fund her daughter’s college education; but to also locate a school that would accept her. L. Renee’s daughter was diagnosed with ADHD at the age of 8, which made it challenging for her to obtain acceptable test scores. Nevertheless, this fearless mother had every intention of not allowing her diagnosis to limit or prevent her daughter from attending college. However, very early on, it became very clear her daughter would not qualify for even basic sources of funding.

Her scores daughter’s scores (e.g., ACT, SAT) did not meet the minimum requirements to most colleges and/or universities. Additionally, her daughter’s cumulative grade point average (GPA) trended between a 2.2 and 2.8. With majority of scholarships and grants requiring at least a 3.0 GPA; her daughter couldn’t meet the qualifications to simply apply. This posed a challenge both academically and financially for a young girl who had dreams of higher education despite her circumstances.

Version is committed to addressing this inequity by providing financial assistance, resources and guidance to students who do not meet your traditional scholarships and/or situational requirements. At *Versions*, we recognize and support young people who would otherwise be talented, yet overlooked, due to being considered by some as “average” in educational terminology.

## What Is Our Mission:

## Our Why:

Our Impact:

### Scholarships

- ✓ “Project 2.0”

### Financial Assistance

- ✓ Assistance with school entry exam fees
- ✓ Assistance with school application fees

### Programs

- ✓ Financial literacy
- ✓ Mentorship
- ✓ Community Outreach
  - ✓ School Drives
  - ✓ Holiday Drives