



Impact Report

Established in 1999, The McLendon Foundation honors the legacy of Hall of Fame coach John McLendon, a trailblazer in athletics, basketball, and the civil rights movement. Our mission is to empower and develop young professionals aspiring to careers in sports by providing educational resources and access to a life-long community of mentors.

Program	Details	Outcome
160+ Scholarship recipients since 1999	Post graduate scholarship Awards 10 annual \$10,000 scholarships and 1 fully funded scholarship	• \$1.75 million+ awarded • Notable alumni and recipients working across college athletics, pro sports, and other sports-adjacent roles
300+ Fellows hired across organizations	Leadership Initiative Year-long opportunity providing young professionals with on the job training at sports organizations	• 94% of fellows secure jobs within 6 months of their fellowship • More than \$8 million raised to fund these experiences
4 In person event for 50 McLendon Torchbearers	Leadership Week A hands-on bootcamp that equips young professionals with the tools, knowledge, and connections thrive in sports	• Program success has inspired the creation of The McLendon Experience that will engage 200+ participants in October 2025

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