

Cynthia Linton Scholarship

Speaking of those destined for greatness and their experience would certainly be tough to do with a minimal amount of time to express it thoroughly. To give the black experience the attention it so desperately needs can't be proven by just what I think; it is the village that has been created on this land that has taught the following generations everything they would need to know to continue this profound legacy. It is knowing there is a story in everybody and a voice waiting to be heard, or those with developing vocal chords to which one day will have to accept the torch that will inevitably be passed down. The resiliency of our people is universally unmatched, and those who can not withstand the greatness exhibited through us have created a life in which it may feel as if we endure this burden of dark complexions – which we all know is utterly untrue. Although white supremacy is strategically systemic and we have had to live through, and are currently working to abolish everything it has instilled into society; we've never refrained from demanding our position to not only be taken into account but respected; one thing that is for certain is that nothing has ever been able to keep our people down; then or now, and I as well as my brothers and sister wouldn't want to be anyone else. It is divine beauty the oppressors cannot understand, they wonder how our people withstood every ounce of hatred boldly and met it with a head that was held high and feet that could not permanently stay off the ground. Through trials and tribulations as well as the inadequacies that remain on this earth against the marginalized – there is no better accomplishment than succeeding and being everything this world is afraid of you being. Successfully educated without losing a step despite the misinformation, despite having to backtrack and unlearn every deceptive effort to disband our culture and what our people fought for day in and day out. Pressure produces diamonds and

those who have accepted their spoon-fed inheritance can only wish to exhibit the greatness we so effortlessly embody.

As we continue to diminish these falsities placed upon us – the revolutionaries are growing wiser and more determined to ensure our predecessors' lives we're not given to the revolution in vain. We will experience freedom in this lifetime, we will abdicate all oppressive nature, we will be delivered from this land's societal condemnation as we continue to fight, teach, and think of new ways to create our own salvation.