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The Ball Foundation Makes College Possible for Denver Students

**Annual \$40,000 investment, plus mentorship program
designed to inspire students to pursue STEM careers**

Denver, Colo. – The Ball Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Ball Corp., is partnering with the Denver Scholarship Foundation (DSF) to help low income Denver Public Schools graduates picture themselves as future engineers, plant managers, and information systems officers through a mentorship program and an annual gift of \$40,000 to DSF.

In total, Ball Corporation has invested nearly \$200,000 in scholarship dollars through DSF to help low-income graduates – who are primarily from minority backgrounds – enroll in a four-year college in Colorado. Through an established five-year partnership, 13 DSF Scholars focused on STEM careers have been selected to participate in a year-long mentorship program.

In 10 years, DSF has distributed \$36 million to more than 6,300 Scholars. DSF mission is to help these students graduate from college and expand their opportunities and horizons for success in life as contributing members of our communities.

“Growing a workforce that can meet the challenges of the science, math and engineering industries of tomorrow is a concern for all of us in these industries and Ball wants to support and take an active role in cultivating our future employees and business leaders,” said Chris Chavez, executive director of The Ball Foundation.

The goal of the DSF and Ball collaboration is to mentor the Ball Scholars, exposing students to STEM and giving them opportunities to explore STEM-related concepts and develop a passion to pursue a job in a STEM field.

“We are so proud to partner with The Ball Foundation to help students from Denver go on to exciting careers in the STEM field,” said DSF Interim CEO Cathey M. Finlon. “Through its financial investment, as well as the time and talent of its employees, Ball will help Denver students imagine themselves working in the STEM industry, and then we’ll work together to provide students with the scholarships and support services they need to make it real.”

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About the Denver Scholarship Foundation

Denver Scholarship Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity whose mission is to inspire and empower Denver Public Schools students to achieve their postsecondary goals. A direct service provider, Denver Scholarship provides college and financial aid advice to Denver students and families and offers a renewable, need-based scholarship to support Scholars throughout their college careers. Denver Scholarship also partners with colleges across Colorado to implement retention strategies that help Denver students complete their postsecondary education. Denver Scholarship aims to create systemic change to prepare Denver’s youth to succeed in today’s evolving workforce. For more information, www.denverscholarship.org or connect with us on Facebook or Twitter.

About The Ball Foundation

The Ball Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Ball Corporation. Grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations to fund programs that create a positive, measurable impact in four key areas linked to Ball’s business and strategy, including: recycling, disaster relief, food security and STEM education.

About Ball Corporation

Ball Corporation supplies innovative, sustainable packaging solutions for beverage, food and household products customers, as well as aerospace and other technologies and services primarily for the U.S. government. Ball Corporation and its subsidiaries employ 18,450 people worldwide and 2016 net sales were \$9.1 billion. For more information, visit www.ball.com or connect with us on Facebook or Twitter.