



Transform Rhode Island Scholarship

“There is a need for accessible and affordable English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Many people I know are tired of their jobs and feel that the only way they can move forward in their careers is to learn English. We can help them on their journey to better their lives.”

~ Donovan Turner
Classical High School

Donovan Turner

BIG IDEA:

Donovan’s change making idea is to create a program that offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and provides its students with childcare services and transportation.

The program would help the adult immigrant population in communities of color who are not naturalized citizens to take the required literacy exam provided by the U.S. government.

The training will help these adults to access the workforce with renewed confidence.

HOW WILL HE DO IT?:

Donovan believes access to ESL classes is not enough. His strategy is anchored around affordability and sustainability. Donovan hopes to expand his reach and increase participation by providing incentives like transportation and family support services.



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