

# African Methodist Episcopal Church Connectional Lay Organization



## The J.D. Williams Scholarship

The J.D. Williams Scholarship was established by the Connectional Lay Organization for the purpose of assisting young men and women in obtaining a college education. The funds for the scholarship will be administered by the Connectional Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. This scholarship is designated for a student planning to attend a four year A.M.E. college, university, or seminary.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.
- Must attend an A.M.E. college, university, or seminary in the Fall of 2013.
- Pursue course of study leading to a Bachelor's Degree, M.Div, or D.Min.

### THE SELECTION PROCESS

Recipients will be selected by a judging committee comprised of members of the Connectional Lay Organization. The judges will evaluate eligible students based on academic record, financial need, reference letters, qualities of leadership and extracurricular activities and accomplishments. Winners will be notified by the Scholarship Committee by **May 1, 2013**. All decisions by the judges are final. No material will be returned. Applications not submitted in their entirety will not be processed.

### THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The winning applicant will be awarded a scholarship of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). All scholarships will be distributed directly to the students after verification of registration for the Fall 2013, semester or quarter. In the event the student is unable to attend in the Fall of 2013, the award will be returned to the scholarship fund.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following materials in one package:

- Completed application (must be typed or scanned into computer).
- A current official high school transcript (winner will be required to submit an official transcript).
- Minimum of three (3) letter of recommendation (one letter must be from someone familiar with student's academic performance and potential). Maximum of four (4) letters will be accepted and may include pastor, local lay president, Church School teacher, high school teacher, etc.
- A 500-word essay on the topic, *The Importance of a College Education in the 21st Century*. (The essay must be double-spaced and typed).
- Two (2) professional school photographs (3" x 5" preferred, wallet sizes accepted).
- Applicants may submit in writing any information which would enhance probability of being selected, provided it has not already been covered by the items previously covered.
- All materials must be **received** by the deadline to be considered. (**April 1, 2013**)

**SEE BACK COVER FOR CONTACT INFORMATION AND MAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## **PERSONAL DATA**

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail Address:

Date of Birth:

Male

Female

## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

Name of Local Church:

Address of Local Church:

Local Lay President:

Pastor:

Presiding Bishop:

Episcopal District:

Please list church activities during the past four (4) years. Include local church, conference, district and connectional involvement (attach separate sheets of paper, if necessary):

## **ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Name of High School: Address of High School:

GPA (use 4-point scale):

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT Score:

What is your intended major course of study and/or career goals?

### **COPY OF TRANSCRIPT MUST BE ATTACHED**

Signature of School Official:

Title:

Date:

List any academic honors received:

Name and address of College/University you plan to attend:

Annual Tuition: \$

Annual Room & Board if you plan to live on campus: \$

**NON-ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS** (attached a separate sheet of paper, if necessary) Please

list significant school-related extracurricular activities in which you have participated:

List significant non-school extracurricular activities in which you have participated:

List significant volunteer and other extracurricular activities involved in during the past four (4) years:

**FAMILY INFORMATION**

	Name	Occupation	Annual Salary
Father			\$
Mother			\$

Your Employment Status/Income:

No. of Family Members (incl. parents)

**OTHER FINANCIAL AID**

List below all financial aid you have been awarded thus far. You are requested to keep the committee informed of any financial aid received.

Name of Award/Grant/Loan	Amount
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

**LETTERS OF REFERENCE**

Name	Address/Phone	Title/Organization
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

THE INFORMATION REPRESENTED HERE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE ENTIRE APPLICATION.

Date:

Signature:



**COMPLETED APPLICATION AND MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 1, 2013.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Upper Darby, PA 19082

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**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**