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“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace” Ephesians 4:3

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Date: March 18, 2024

To: All Churches in the Midwest Annual Conference

Subject: J.D. Williams Scholarship

Attached is the application for the 2024 J.D. Williams Scholarship. Please ensure that each of your high school graduating seniors are made aware of this scholarship and are provided with an application.

This application, with all the required information, must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than May 1, 2024. If not received by the stated deadline or if required information is not provided, we will be unable to consider the application. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final, and the recipient will be officially notified by the Scholarship Chairperson.

Please mail application and materials to:

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PO Box 300531
Kansas City, Missouri 64130

Sincerely,

Esther Gillmore, J.D. Williams Scholarship, Committee Chairperson

**THE MIDWEST CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION'S
J. D. Williams SCHOLARSHIP**

The J.D. Williams Scholarship is to be presented to students who are members of one of our African Methodist Episcopal Churches within the Midwest Conference. Its purpose is to assist worthy young persons of the Christian Faith in obtaining a degree in higher education. The Midwest Conference Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will administer the funds for this scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. An active member of an African Methodist Episcopal Church within the Midwest Conference.
2. Must have a GPA of 2.5 or better.
3. Must enter college, trade school, etc. in the summer or fall of 2024.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

A judging committee composed of members of the Midwest Conference, or their designees, will use established requirements to determine the scholarship recipients. The judges will evaluate eligible applicants: academic record; reference letters; qualities of leadership; extracurricular activities and accomplishments. The recipients will be notified in writing. All decisions by the judges are final. No material will be returned. Applications not completed in full or not received by deadline, will not be processed.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

The scholarship winners will be announced at the organization's Annual Lay Convention. Proof of enrollment must be received by the organization for the final awarding of the scholarships. If appropriate documentation is not received by the end of the conference year, scholarship funds will be returned to the organization's general scholarship fund.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following documents **must be presented** along with the application:

1. The completed application form **must be typed or printed (legible) in ink.**
2. A **sealed envelope** with the current high school transcript, signed with official stamp mailed directly to the Scholarship Committee. **No copies accepted.**

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3. A minimum of one letter of reference from your current Pastor and President of your Local Lay Organization.
 - More than one letter of recommendation is encouraged and may be from: your Sunday School teacher; a high school teacher; Principal; counselor or other community members.
 - **The letter must be addressed specifically to the J.D. Williams Scholarship.**
4. A review of all listed materials by the Local Lay President, Pastor, or a member of the Local Lay Organization prior to submitting Scholarship Committee is advised.
5. Local Lay Organization's Fair Share must be paid to be eligible.

All information must be postmarked by the deadline date.

THE MIDWEST CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

J.D. WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL DATA:

Last Name, First, Middle: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: M: ___ F: ___

Parent(s)/Guardian

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: State: Zip Code: _____

Local Church: _____

Lay President: _____

(Signature)

Pastor: _____

(Signature)

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

Graduating High School: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Graduation _____

Please list significant academic honors and awards you have received. Also list extracurricular activities in which you have participated on a separate sheet of paper (please attach to this application form)

Please list the name and address of college or university you plan to attend.

Planned Major _____

THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND REQUIRED MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED/POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2024.

ENTRY DEADLINE: May 1, 2024

The applications and all required information must be received/postmarked no later than **May 1, 2024**.

Applications will not be considered for the following reasons:

- Incomplete applications
- Not submitting all required materials by the deadline date
- Local Lay Organization Fair Share is not paid.

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