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Date: April 11, 2025

To: All Churches in the Midwest Annual Conference

Subject: Wanda Joyce Holly Jenkins Scholarship

Attached is the application for the 2025 Wanda Joyce Holly Jenkins 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 20, 2025. 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 or Representative.

This scholarship is sponsored solely by the Family and Friends of Wanda Joyce Holly Jenkins. To be considered as an applicant for this scholarship **you must attend a HBCU (Historically Black College or University).** Please submit the application to:

Melvin L. Jenkins, Esq.

8015 Sunset Circle
Grandview, MO 64030

Sincerely,

Melvin L. Jenkins/s/

**THE MIDWEST CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION
WANDA JOYCE HOLLY JENKINS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Wanda Holly Jenkins 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 HBCU in the Fall term of 2025
4. Must pursue courses leading to a higher education at a HBCU (Historically Black College or University)
5. Must display a positive Christian attitude

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 for each semester, 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 print (legible) in ink.
2. A **sealed envelope with the current high school transcript, signed with official stamp** mailed directly to the Scholarship Committee Chair. **No copies accepted.**
3. Submit **Involvement Form or resume.**
4. A minimum of one **letter of reference** from your current Pastor and/or 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 Wanda Joyce Holly Jenkins Scholarship.
5. Local Lay Organization's **Fair share must be paid** to be eligible.
6. **All information must be postmarked by the deadline date of May 20, 2025.**

A review of all listed materials by the President or member of the Local Lay Organization prior to submitting to the Scholarship Committee is advised.

**THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND REQUIRED MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED
AND/OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 20, 2025.**

Send application packet to: Melvin L. Jenkins, 8015 Sunset Circle, Grandview, MO 64030

Applications will not be considered for the following reasons:

- Incomplete application and/or failure to submit Involvement Form or separate resume.
- No official current high school transcript received.
- Not attending an HBCU.
- Local Lay Organization Fair Share is not paid.

**THE MIDWEST CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION
WANDA JOYCE HOLLY JENKINS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

PERSONAL DATA:

First Middle Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

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

Parent(s)/Guardian

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Graduating High School: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Graduation _____

HIGHER EDUCATION INFORMATION:

Please list the name and address of the institution of higher learning that you plan to attend.

College/University/Trade School: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Planned Major: _____

SUBMISSION APPROVAL:

Local Church Name: _____

Pastor (Signature): _____

Lay President (Signature): _____

**THE MIDWEST CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION
WANDA JOYCE HOLLY JENKINS SCHOLARSHIP INVOLVEMENT FORM**

RESUME OF ACTIVITIES/INVOLVEMENT:

Use this page to share your significant participation, leadership and accomplishments or present a separate resume or descriptive summary along with your scholarship application.

Church Involvement

Community Involvement

School Involvement/Extra Curricular Activities/Clubs/Projects

Scholastic Achievements/Academic Honors/Awards

Employment
