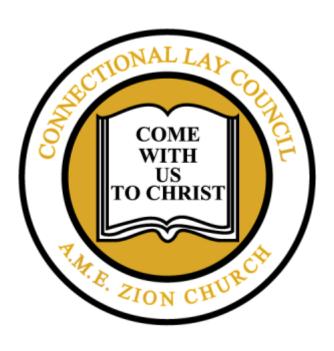
CONNECTIONAL LAY COUNCIL THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH



BISHOP GEORGE JUNIUS LEAKE, III ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

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BISHOP GEORGE JUNIUS LEAKE, III SCHOLARSHIP FUND

INTRODUCTION

The Connectional Lay Council established the Bishop George Junius Leake, III Scholarship in 1981 under the presidency of Dr. Betty V. Stith. The scholarship is designed to perpetuate the legacy of Bishop Leake by offering financial assistance to A.M.E. Zion students enrolled at Hood Theological Seminary who are committed to entering into the ordained ministry.

Bishop Leake was a proponent of academic excellence and spiritual growth. He strongly advocated educational preparation for those called to proclaim God's Word and to lead His people to Kingdom building. Therefore, the purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and enable members of the A.M.E. Zion Church to fulfill their calling to the ordained ministry via religious studies.

Bishop Leake was born November 21, 1929 in Wilson, NC. He entered the traveling ministry in 1950. Bishop Leake graduated from Livingstone College in 1957 and received a Masters of Divinity from Hood Theological Seminary in 1960. He was elected to the Episcopacy in May 1972 and died June 15, 1981. Bishop Leake urged the Connectional Lay Council to "make a difference" and it is in that spirit that the scholarship fund was initiated to perpetuate his memory and dedication to Zion Methodism.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Eligibility Criteria:

- College or university graduate
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater
- Accepted/Enrolled as a full-time student in the M.Div., MTS or DMIN program at Hood Theological Seminary.
- Documentation supporting leadership qualities, volunteer and civic services.
- Member in good standing of the A.M.E. Zion Church.

Amount of Award: \$3,000 annually

(The scholarship award will be given to the institution in the name of the recipient. The student will not receive cash.)

Number of Awards per semester:

One award annually

Application Process:

Applicants must submit the following documents on or before the established deadline:

- Completed Bishop George J. Leake, III Scholarship Application.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation documenting status in local church, leadership qualities, volunteer and civic services.
- Official transcript, bearing college/university/seminary seal
- Acceptance letter to Hood Theological Seminary, new/transfer students only.

Selection Process:	 A HTS Selection committee will meet annually to review applications and select the finalist. Decisions of the committee are final. The HTS Scholarship Committee will notify recipients and the Connectional Lay Council of the scholarship award.
Recipient Requirements:	Recipient must maintain a full-time student status, membership in good standing in the A.M.E. Zion Church and a cumulative GPA of 3.0
Deadlines:	Applications will be accepted: Fall Semester from July 1 st through September 1 st Spring Semester from November 1 st through January 1 st
APPLICATION COMPLETION Completed application form	N CHECKLIST m, including personal statement.
☐ Three (3) recommendation	forms that have been sealed and signed on the flap of the envelope.
☐ Official unopened transcrip	ot from college/university/seminary with the cumulative GPA listed.
☐ Acceptance letter from Ho	od Theological Seminary, if applicable.
☐ Evidence of financial need	from the HTS Financial Aid Department.
Submit all materials together. <u>Ty</u> not acceptable.	pe or use black ink to complete application. Blue ink or pencil is
Send completed application t	o: The Connectional Lay Council Atn: Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 26770

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please read all instructions on the application before completing. The application and all attachments become the property of the Bishop George J. Leake, III Endowed Scholarship Fund Committee. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit a complete application packet. The Scholarship Committee will assume neither responsibility for nor attempt to join materials submitted separately.

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ACADEMIC AND VOCATION GOAL STATEMENT

certify that all information contained herein is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. Submitting false or inaccurate information/claims are subject to forfeiture of award.	iuvui V		Dau	
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PERSONAL REFERENCES - RECOMMENDATION FORM

Include three (3) recommendation forms that have been sealed and signed on the flap of the envelope. These forms should be dated no earlier than 60 days prior to the application process. They should be completed by persons who can attest to your character, interpersonal relationships, academic achievements, ministry, leadership and community involvement; i.e., Current Bishop, Current Presiding Elder, Local Pastor, teachers, community leaders and high school/college administrators.

(Please print or type) Name of applicant _ Middle Initial First Please comment on each of the following areas: Length and nature of your relationship with the applicant The applicant's involvement in ministry 3. The applicant's overall effectiveness and potential for ministry Will your church, ministry or organization be supporting the applicant? In what ways (financial, prayers, etc.?) Other comments As you evaluate the applicant's qualifications for this scholarship, please check one of the following: I recommend ____ I recommend with reservation ____ I highly recommend Signature Date Position Print name Daytime Phone Name of Church P.E. District Street Address City/State/Zip

Please place your recommendation in envelope, seal and return to the applicant to be submitted with application.

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