



First Episcopal Lay Organization African Methodist Episcopal Church Frank C. Cummings Scholarship Fund, Inc.

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Frank C. Cummings Scholarship Fund Inc.**

The Frank C. Cummings Scholarship was established over 25 years ago by our past 1st Episcopal District Lay Organization President Sister F. Jane Harris. She wanted to assist Young People of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in obtaining a College Education.

CRITERIA FOR AWARDS

To receive consideration, applicants must:

1. Be an active participating member of their local AME Church.
2. Must submit a Resume.
3. Submit three **(3) letters of recommendations** which includes one from your **local church**, one from your **school/college**, and one from your **community organization** where you serve. **THESE LETTERS ARE NOT TO BE MERE, "CHARACTER REFERENCE LETTERS"**. They should attest to specific contributions you have made, specific activities you have engaged in, and specific achievements you have attained.
4. Submit a Letter of Acceptance from the Institution or College you plan to attend. **If you are currently in college, you must submit proof of your current standing with an average of 2.5 or higher.**
5. **Be enrolled with a class load of at least nine (9) Credits.**
6. **Show FINANCIAL NEED BY WRITING A FULL STATEMENT (100 words or more typed). Clearly addressing how this scholarship will assist your educational plan in detail.**

7. **WRITE A PERSONAL STATEMENT ESSAY OF (100 OR MORE WORDS) ON WHY HE/SHE SHOULD RECEIVE THIS AWARD.**

The personal statement should be detailed and paint a picture of who the applicant is. It should state the personal goals, church involvement/commitment, highlight achievement (personal, church and school). The personal statement should explain clearly why the applicant feels that he/she is deserving of funding. The reviewer should feel as though they are sitting face-to-face with the applicant. The statement should tell a story of who he/she is and where he/she is going.

8. Have the **signature** of your **LOCAL LAY PRESIDENT and CONFERENCE PRESIDENT** when submitting your **APPLICATION. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

SELECTION PROCESS:

1. Each Conference will submit NO MORE THAN FOUR (4) APPLICATIONS per year.
2. New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia Conference will receive 2 winners.
3. Every third years the following Conferences will receive **2 winners**. This year 2023 the **New England Conference**, 2024 Bermuda Conference, 2025 Delaware Conference and 2026 Western New York Conference.

The Scholarship Committee will evaluate each applicant in six areas. **(Please see attached sheet)**

Church Involvement	Resume
Essay Personal Statement	Financial Need Statement
3 letters of Recommendation	Letter of Acceptance

4. **The Scholarship Committee will notify the winners to submit a bio and photo.**
5. **READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND TAKE NOTE:**

To fulfill the **Frank C. Cummings Scholarship Fund, Inc.** recipient must send the following information:

- **Proof of your status as a current student in the Fall 2023 semester (carrying a minimum of nine credit hours) as well as proof of being registered for the Spring semester 2024 (carrying a minimum of nine credit hours) by DECEMBER 4, 2023.** Note: The committee will accept grades or proof of tuition and fees payment. The student needs to confirm the address where the scholarship proceeds should be mailed. Also, a check will be issued to the recipient and mailed after December 15, 2023, when your documentation is presented to the committee.
- **A Thank You Letter to the FCC Scholarship Fund Committee.**

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2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DATE _____

Last Name

First Name

Middle

Home Address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of High School/College

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Church _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Email _____

Cell # _____

References

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE 1.

2. _____.

3. _____

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

OFFICES HELD OR HONORS RECEIVED

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

TYPE A PERSONAL STATEMENT ESSAY OF 100 WORDS OR MORE AS TO WHY YOU SHOULD RECEIVE THIS AWARD. IF NEEDED USE A SEPARATE SHEET FOR YOUR ESSAYS, AND ACTIVITIES.

Signature of Applicant _____

Course of Study _____

Conference Lay Organization President

Local Lay Organization President Signature

Parent's contact information

phone _____

Email:

APPLICANT'S CHECK LIST

Application Requirements	Yes	No
1. Completed application (must be typed)		
2. A letter of Acceptance from the school attending		
3. Resume		
4. (3) Letters of recommendation		
5. Essay Personal Statement		
6. Full written statement showing financial need		
7. Local Lay Organization signature		
8. Conference President signature		
9. If enrolled in college submit Transcript		
10. Review Scholarship Application Scoring Rubric		