

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

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Scholarship Fund Inc. President**

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 AN 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. Every Conference will receive winners. New York 2, New Jersey 2, and Philadelphia 2. Every third years the following Conferences will receive **2 winners**. This year **2024 Bermuda Conference**, 2025 Delaware Conference, 2026 Western New York Conference 2027 New England Conference, 2028 Bermuda Conference, 2029 Delaware Conference, 2030 Western New York Conference and 2031 New England.

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

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

2. **The Scholarship Committee will have notified the winners to submit a bio and photo for the Certificate Award event.**

3. **READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND TAKE NOTE:**

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

- **Proof of your status as a current student in the Fall 2024 semester (carrying a minimum of nine credit hours) as well as proof of being registered for the Spring semester 2025 (carrying a minimum of nine credit hours) by DECEMBER 4, 2024.** 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.
- **A Thank You Letter to the FCC Scholarship Fund Committee.**
When your documentation is presented to the committee a check will be issued to the recipient and mailed after December 15, 2024.