



Rev. Dr. William M. James Family Memorial SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Enclosed, please find a copy of the application for the Rev. Dr. William M. James Family Memorial Scholarship Fund, established by his estate and generosity of his friends.

Dr. James had hoped that this scholarship would encourage young people who aspire to be agents for the transformation of the world.

Limited funds are available for those persons who have or will be attending an accredited institution of higher education, have leadership potential, and some level of financial need.

They must be recommended by their pastor, a lay person who is a leader in their local church, and a teacher or professor.

All candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Membership in a United Methodist church in the New York Annual Conference;
- Enrollment in a program at an accredited college or university approved by the Scholarship Committee;
- Full time student for the academic year 2021-2022.

The Scholarship Committee will NOT review applications from persons who:

- Are not members of churches in the New York Annual Conference;
- Are pursuing advanced degrees (*i.e., master's degree or doctoral degree*);
- Are not pursuing programs that will lead to a degree or certificate;
- Do not submit the application by the deadline.

The scholarship application deadline for the 2021-2022 academic year is May 7th, 2021, by 12 Noon, if hand delivered or emailed. The application must be postmarked by May 7th, 2021 if using the U.S. Postal Service, FedEx or UPS. Complete applications can be emailed to scholarshipinfo@umcitysociety.org

Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted. All reference letters must come by separate cover and be mailed separately. Emails are acceptable for these references. (Your application will not be denied if we do not receive a reference letter by the deadline from your pastor, church lay leader or teacher or professor as long as we have their contact information.)

Feel free to contact me by email at bshillady@umcitysociety.org or by phone at (212) 870-3084, if you have any questions or need any further information concerning the Scholarship Fund.

In God's love, joy and humor,

Reverend Dr. William S. Shillady
Member of the committee



Rev. Dr. William M. James

A pastor, professor, author and church and community leader—exhorted in his teaching and exemplified in his life and witness the importance of academic education, faith in God and Christ-like commitment to one's church and community.

UNITED METHODIST CITY SOCIETY
GUIDELINES FOR THE REV. DR. WILLIAM M. JAMES SCHOLARSHIP
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Requirements and Procedures

- I. The applicant must be a member of a United Methodist Church in the New York Annual Conference.
- II. The scholarship shall be granted primarily to a person studying in a degree program at a college, university or seminary approved by the Scholarship Committee.
- III. Applicant must present to the Scholarship Committee a current transcript of scholastic standing in the school where the applicant has been studying, a diploma, and/or a copy of the letter of acceptance in the college or seminary where the applicant will be studying. A transcript from a previous school or previous year in a school is required; a résumé, a listing of awards and a listing of church activities is also required.
- IV. Letters of recommendation will be required from the applicant's pastor, a lay person who is a leader in their church and a teacher or professor at the school they currently attend.
- V. Applications for the Rev. Dr. William M. James Scholarship are received through the office of the United Methodist City Society, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1922, New York, NY 10115. Attn: Rev. Dr. William James Family Scholarship. Email of the application will be accepted at scholarshipinfo@umcitysociety.org
- VI. The scholarship granted shall be paid to the educational institution involved. For the check to be issued to the business office of the school, it shall be the responsibility of the recipient to send the following to the Scholarship Committee at the United Methodist City Society office:
 - A. The applicant's proof that he/she is fully registered in the college or seminary. (Official registration form)
 - B. The applicant's course list.
 - C. The bill for tuition. Grants will vary depending upon full time and part time programs.
 - D. If a student leaves the school after being granted a scholarship, the school shall return any remaining balance to the Rev. Dr. William M. James Scholarship Fund.
 - E. Financial need will be taken into consideration. Please complete the financial information portion of the application and provide a copy of your Federal 1040 form, and/or or your parents' 1040 form (The first two summary pages.) Additional forms and information may be requested, by the committee.
- VII. Scholarship monies will be used in the following priority areas:
 - a. Undergraduate degree program
 - b. Graduate first-degree program
- VIII. The funds will NOT be available for those who already hold a master's degree or doctoral degree and those who are doing additional graduate work or continuing education.
- IX. Scholarships are awarded for one year. Scholarship grantees may reapply for their next year of school.

Please note prior to submitting this application

- This application requires additional documents, the following types will NOT be accepted msg, tex, zip, odt, HTML, pages, .exe, .jar, .cmd, jpeg.
- File types that will be accepted include, pdf, word, and excel formatted documents.
- Please add the email scholarshipinfo@umcitysociety.org to your safe sender email list. All correspondence will be done via email and it is important that you receive all emails.
- You must request an official copy of your transcript from your current academic institution.
- Please ensure that the additional pages with your essay include your name on each page as a header and are numbered.

The deadline for scholarship application is May 7th, 2021, by 12 Noon, if hand delivered or sent by email. Complete applications can be emailed to scholarshipinfo@umcitysociety.org.

If submitting via postal mail (USPS, UPS, or FED EX) the application must postmarked – May 7th, 2021.

All questions should be addressed to:
The Rev. Dr. William M. James Scholarship
Committee c/o Rev. Dr. William S. Shillady
Phone: 212-870-3094
Fax: 212-870-3091
Email: bshillady@umcitysociety.org

The Rev. Dr. William M. James Scholarship Committee

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REV. DR. WILLIAM M. JAMES FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Rev. Dr. William M. James Family Fund Scholarship was established in 2013 following Rev. James' death to encourage young people who aspire to become agents for the transformation of the world. The applicant must attend an accredited institution of higher education, have leadership potential, financial need and be recommended by their local pastor of the United Methodist Church.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH? _____

CHURCH NAME: _____

PASTOR: _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH? _____

IF LESS THAN 2 YEARS, PLEASE LIST YOUR OTHER CHURCHES AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS YOU WERE A MEMBER: _____

DISTRICT: _____

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: _____

CURRENT SCHOOL: _____

WHICH INSTITUTION WILL YOU ATTEND IN THE FALL OF 2020? _____

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT LEVEL OF STUDY AT THIS SCHOOL? _____

FULL TIME PART TIME HOW MANY COURSES WILL YOU TAKE? _____

CREDITS TO BE EARNED: _____

AWARD PROCESS

THE APPLICANTS MUST BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16-25, MAINTAINED AT LEAST A "C" AVERAGE IN HIGH SCHOOL AND A 2.75 GPA OR BETTER WHILE IN COLLEGE OR SEMINARY TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP.

FUNDS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO THE STUDENT UNTIL CLASSES HAVE STARTED AND THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED THE VERIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT FROM THE SCHOOL'S REGISTRAR. THE CHECK WILL BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE SCHOOL.

THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD IS DETERMINED BY FUNDS AVAILABLE AND THE DECISION OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE BASED ON ITS REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION AND ALL THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

You must request your Pastor, Local Church Leader and Teacher or Professor to send a letter, or email of reference separately and independently. Your application will not be denied if we have not received the reference letter by the deadline.

These letters of recommendation are to be sent directly to The United Methodist City Society at scholarshipinfo@umcitysociety.org.

Please encourage your recommenders to meet the May 7th, 2021 deadline.

Please list the names of your recommenders', their e-mail address, and their mailing address. Email addresses are required by the committee.

PASTOR'S NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

LOCAL CHURCH LEADER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TEACHER OR PROFESSOR: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

(PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE.)

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING:

- A) Certified Official Copy of your Academic Transcript from your current school.
- B) Essay - Please write an essay of your aspirations to become a leader for the transformation of this world. (Write this essay on a separate paper and attach to your application) What experiences have transformed you? How important has your church been in nurturing your leadership?
- C) Complete the Financial Statement and send the required 1040 forms.
- D) Résumé – Include your church activities, school activities, community involvement and awards received.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

I. HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP FROM THIS FUND? YES No

II. DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE ANY OUTSTANDING LOANS/DEBTS? YES No

(IF THE ANSWER IS YES, PLEASE LIST LOANS/DEBTS ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER AND SUBMIT WITH THIS APPLICATION)

III. WHAT ARE YOUR ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR?

Tuition and fees: \$ _____
How many credits does this represent? _____

Books: \$ _____
Housing: \$ _____
Food: \$ _____
Other Living Expenses: \$ _____
Other Expenses: \$ _____
Total: _____

IV. WHAT ARE YOUR SOURCES OF INCOME FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR?

Salary: \$ _____
Scholarships / Grants: \$ _____
Savings: \$ _____
Loans: \$ _____
Gifts: \$ _____
Total: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE FIRST TWO PAGES OF YOUR FEDERAL 1040 FORM FROM 2020 AS VERIFICATION OF THE ABOVE INCOME.

V. PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR EMPLOYMENT (IF EMPLOYED):

Name: _____

Employer: _____

Nature of Business: _____

Position: _____ Salary: _____

Other Income: YES NO If Yes: _____

VI. PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION:

1. ARE YOU MARRIED? YES NO _____

2. IS YOUR SPOUSE EMPLOYED? YES NO IF YES, WHAT IS THEIR SALARY? _____

3. HOW MANY CHILDREN RESIDE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD? _____

VII. PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT YOU FEEL WILL HELP THE COMMITTEE IN UNDERSTANDING YOUR CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION. (YOU MAY USE A SEPARATE SHEET(S) OF PAPER.

VIII. IF YOU ARE BELOW AGE 21, PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW FOR YOUR PARENTS OR OTHER GUARDIANS (PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE TWO PAGES OF YOUR PARENTS FEDERAL 1040 FORM FROM 2020 AS VERIFICATION OF THE INCOME)

MOTHER OR GUARDIAN 1

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMPLOYER: _____

TYPE OF BUSINESS: _____

POSITION: _____ SALARY: \$ _____

TOTAL NO. OF DEPENDENTS: _____ TOTAL NO. OF CHILDREN IN COLLEGE: _____

FATHER OR GUARDIAN 2

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMPLOYER: _____

TYPE OF BUSINESS: _____

POSITION: _____ SALARY: \$ _____

TOTAL NO. OF DEPENDENTS: _____ TOTAL NO. OF CHILDREN IN COLLEGE: _____

*If any requested information is missing,
this application will **NOT** be considered by the Scholarship Review Committee.*

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

DATE: _____

**THE DEADLINE FOR THIS APPLICATION IS FRIDAY, MAY 7th, 2021 at 12 NOON.
You may fax or email the COMPLETED APPLICATION (and supporting documents)
by Friday, May 7th at 12 Noon to:**

Email: scholarshipinfo@umcitysociety.org
Fax: 212-870-3091

**If you are mailing your application using UPS, USPS or FEDEX, the postmark must be dated by
May 7th, 2021 and your application addressed to:**

THE UNITED METHODIST CITY SOCIETY
ATTN: REV. DR. WILLIAM JAMES FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, SUITE 1922
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