

The HigherEd Ministry of the Agape Family Worship Center

"Helping Individuals to Gain a Higher Education Responsibly, Effectively, and Decisively"

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AFWC 2017-18 Scholarships – General Information ***Current scholarship recipients should NOT complete this application form.***

The purpose of the HigherEd Ministry is to assist individuals in their pursuit of a post-secondary education. This year we are pleased to announce ten competitive scholarship opportunities being made available to the members of Agape Family Worship Center (AFWC). This application is for those who have never received an AFWC scholarship.

1. **The Tonyell McDay Computer Science Scholarship:** a \$500 tuition and room/board scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in the computer science field. This gift is given from the family of Sis. Tonyell McDay, a computer science major, who was among those who perished in the attacks on the World Trade Center.
2. **The Willie Lee Jones Trade Industry Scholarship:** a \$1,000 tuition scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be pursuing an associate degree or certificate at an accredited vocational-technical training school after graduation. This scholarship is named in memory of Deacon Willie Lee Jones who served in leadership at Agape and worked in the transportation industry as a truck driver.
3. **The Barbara Owens Hayward Service Scholarship:** a \$1,000 tuition and room/board scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior or current college student who demonstrates outstanding leadership and service in his/her school or community. This scholarship is named in memory of Minister Barbara Owens Hayward who was the founder of the Agape Children's Church and Drama Ministry. She was also a dedicated teacher in the public school system.
4. **The Clinton & Jacquelyn Miller Educational Fund:** a \$500 tuition and room/board scholarship will be awarded to two students majoring in teacher education. This gift is given in memory of Sis. Jacquelyn Miller, who was a longtime educator in the Elizabeth public school system. It also honors her husband, Bro. Clinton Miller, who has been a teacher in the Elizabeth public school system for 40 years.
5. **The Agape Scholars Book Award:** up to \$500 textbook scholarship will be awarded to a limited number of individuals to help defray the cost of books. Students must be degree-seeking candidates who are full-time or part-time students enrolled in, or accepted to, an accredited university, 4-year or community college at either the undergraduate or graduate level. *Recipients must achieve a 2.5 in their freshman year, a 2.8 as upperclassmen, and a 3.0 as graduate students.*
6. **The Ishmael Cotton Christian College Scholarship:** up to \$500 tuition and room/board scholarship will be awarded to one student attending a Christian College. This gift is given in memory of Bro. Ishmael Cotton, who was a faithful and dedicated member of Agape and AOC. Ishmael was passionate about pursuing his college education. He aspired to attend seminary and enter the ministry. *High school applicants must have a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average.*
7. **The Delores Lewis Tuition Scholarship:** up to \$1,000 tuition and room/board scholarship will be awarded to one student who demonstrates a sincere motivation to pursue their educational goals. This gift is in memory of Sis. Delores Lewis, mother of Sis. Michelle McCormick—a long-time member of Agape. Ms. Lewis was a strong advocate of her children's education and Sis. McCormick has chosen to pass along that same strength. *Applicants must have a minimum of a 2.7 grade point average.*

8. **The Izlar-Coleman Scholarship:** up to \$500 tuition and room/board scholarship will be awarded to one student who demonstrates perseverance in the pursuit of their educational goals. This gift is in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Coleman, Sr. and Justin Coleman, beloved family members of Bro. Al and Sis. Audrietta Izlar. Each of them was a great proponent of education.
9. **The Donel Goss Business Education Scholarship:** a \$250 tuition and room/board scholarship will be award to two students majoring in business, accounting, or finance. This gift is given by Sis. Renee Goss-Johnson in honor of her father, Mr. Donel Goss--who both successfully owned and operated his business in the spirit of excellence for many years. *Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average.*
10. **The Benjamin J. Brunson Scholarship:** a \$250.00 tuition scholarship will be awarded to two young men receiving post-secondary educational training in a service-industry related field (e.g., hospitality, transportation, or tourism industry). The award is in memory of Bro. Benjamin Brunson, beloved fiancé of Sis. Bessie J. Bryant, who worked for more than 37 years before retiring from United Parcel Service.

Eligibility

All applicants (and/or the parents or guardians of dependent applicants) must be active members of AFWC. Applicants must meet the specified requirements of the particular scholarship. All high school and college applicants must be in good academic standing with a minimum of a 2.5 (high school), 2.8 (undergraduate), and a 3.0 (graduate students), except where noted.

Application Process

Eligible candidates must complete the information within this application and return it with the required supporting documents. If you are going to be a first year student, please be sure to submit a copy of your letter of acceptance from the college you plan to attend. If you are a continuing student, you must submit a letter from your registrar's office verifying your enrollment status for the upcoming academic year. Finalists *may be* required to interview with the selection committee prior to the awarding of the scholarship.

Application Deadline

All applications must be received by May 1, 2017. Late applications may not be accepted after the deadline. Current scholarship recipients should not use this application form to reapply.

Award Specifications

The number of scholarships awarded will depend upon the amount of funding made available for the academic year as well as the size of the applicant pool. Therefore, these scholarship opportunities are competitive and not guaranteed for all who apply. All scholarship monies are made payable to the institution and not the individual unless they are being disbursed as a reimbursement. ***All new scholarship recipients must attend the mandatory New Student Orientation on Saturday, June 10, 2017. Additionally, all recipients are expected to participate in the annual holiday Gabfest during the winter break.***

For More Information

All questions and concerns may be directed to Dr. Terri Davis at (732)680-9800 x317 or highered@agapecenter.org

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Agape 2017-18 Scholarship Application ***Current scholarship recipients should NOT complete this form***

Student Information

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail: _____

Year of Birth: _____ Member of AFWC since (date): _____

Parent Information

If the applicant is a legal dependent of his or her parent/guardian, please complete the information below.

Name(s): _____

Address (if different from applicant):

Home Telephone: _____

School Information

Name of institution attending: _____

Address: _____

Phone number of financial aid office: _____

Financial aid contact person (if known): _____

Total annual cost of tuition _____ room & board _____ books _____

Classification: ___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Graduate

Attendance status: _____ Full-time _____ Part-time

Degree sought: ___ Vo-Tech Certificate ___ Associates ___ Bachelors ___ Masters ___ Doctorate

Major _____ Minor (if applicable) _____

What other financial assistance (i.e. loans, scholarships, grants) have you received? _____

Employment & Extracurricular Activities

Are you currently employed? No Yes (Part-time Full-time
If yes, where are you employed? _____

Do you plan to work while attending school? _____

List extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, volunteer efforts, etc.)

List any organizations in which you are currently active:

What ministries are you involved in at Agape? _____

Scholarship Selection

I am applying for the following scholarship(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tonyell McDay Computer Science Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Ishmael Cotton Christian College Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Willie Lee Jones Trade Industry Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Delores Lewis Tuition Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Owens Hayward Service Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Coleman-Izlar Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clinton & Jacquelyn Miller Educational Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Donel Goss Business Education Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agape Scholars Book Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin J. Brunson Scholarship |

Letters of Recommendation

All applicants must submit letters of recommendation from two people. One may be from a teacher, counselor, employer, or community activist. The other **must** be from a ministry leader at the Agape Family Worship Center.

Essay

A 500-word essay is required of all new applicants. It should be typewritten and double-spaced. Please be sure to proofread carefully as the reading committee will critique essays based on content, clarity of thought, spelling, grammar and punctuation. Select **only one** of the following statements and write an original essay.

- Using your current involvement at Agape, as well as within other community organizations, describe how your service to others relates to your personal aspirations and educational goals.
- Consider an individual who has served as a role model for you. How have they influenced your Christian walk, academic interests, and professional aspirations?

Application Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Essay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Transcript | <input type="checkbox"/> Two letters of recommendation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Acceptance (first year students) or Enrollment Verification (upperclassmen) | |

Any application that is incomplete by the application deadline and does not have an explanation for information requested but not supplied may be disqualified. Scholarship decision letters will be mailed directly to all of the applicants on or about June 1, 2017. For timely and accurate delivery, it is recommended that applications be mailed via the US Postal Service. Please do not hand-deliver to a single individual outside of the church office.

Submit application* by May 1, 2017 to:

The HigherEd Ministry
c/o Agape Family Worship Center
P.O. Box 1623
Rahway, NJ 07065

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