

# Joseph C. McKinney

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## Scholarship

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The **one-time** scholarship of \$5,000.00 will be awarded to a 2025 graduating high school senior that will enter a college or university in the Fall of 2025. The deadline for submission is **April 16, 2025. (Please submit only 1 application per Episcopal District. The application must be submitted by the Episcopal District President or his/her designee.)**



## African Methodist Episcopal Church Connectional Lay Organization



# Joseph C. McKinney Scholarship

The Joseph C. McKinney Scholarship was established by the Connectional Lay Organization for the purpose of assisting young men and women of the Christian Faith in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in obtaining a college education. The funds for this scholarship will be administered by the Connectional Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
- The scholarship will be given to an individual who desires to serve the A.M.E. Church in a leadership capacity
- Must be a 2025 high school graduate
- Pursue course of study leading to a Bachelor's Degree
- Must attend college or university in the Fall of 2025

### THE SELECTION PROCESS

Recipients will be selected by a judging committee comprised of members of the Connectional Lay Organization Scholarship Committee. The judges will evaluate eligible students based on academic record, financial need, reference letters, qualities of leadership and extracurricular activities and accomplishments. Winners will be announced by the Scholarship Committee at the site of the 2025 Biennial. All decisions by the judges are final. No material will be returned. Applications not submitted in their entirety will not be processed.

### THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The winning applicant will be awarded a **one-time** scholarship of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). All scholarships will be distributed directly to the students after verification of registration for the Fall of 2025 semester or quarter. In the event the student is unable to attend in the Fall of 2025, the award will be returned to the scholarship fund

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following materials in one package:

- Completed application (must be typed)
- A current unofficial High School transcript of grades in a sealed school envelope
- A 500 word essay, but not to exceed 600 words, on the topic, "**What role does social media play in your life? How does it impact influence and impact the AME Church?**" The essay must be double-spaced and typed.
- The applicant may, if he or she chooses, submit in writing any information which would enhance the judges' decision, provided it has not already been covered by the items previously covered.
- A minimum of three (3) letters of recommendation (one letter must be from someone familiar with the student's academic performance and potential). A maximum of four (4) letters will be accepted; and may include pastors, local lay presidents, church school teachers, high school teachers, etc.
- Two (2) photographs, business casual attire – no athletic wear. (3" x 5" preferred, wallet sizes accepted)
- An acceptance letter from the school attending
- All materials must be received in the same packet by the deadline to be considered.

## SEE APPLICANT'S CHECK LIST

**PERSONAL DATA**

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Home Phone:

E-mail Address:

Date of Birth:

Mobile Phone:

Male

Female

**CHURCH INFORMATION**

Name of Local Church:

Address of Local Church:

Local Lay President:

Pastor:

Presiding Bishop:

Episcopal District:

Please list church activities during the past four (4) years, include local church, conference, district and connectional involvement (attach separate sheets of paper, if necessary)

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Name of High School:

Address of High School:

GPA (use 4-point scale):

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT Score:

What is your intended major course of study and/or career goals?

**COPY OF TRANSCRIPT MUST BE ATTACHED**

Signature of School Official:

Title:

Date:

List any academic honors received:

Name and address of College/University you plan to attend:

Annual Tuition: \$

Annual Room & Board if you plan to live on campus: \$

**NON-ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS** (attached a separate sheet of paper, if necessary) Please list significant school-related extracurricular activities in which you have participated:

List significant non-school extracurricular activities in which you have participated:

List significant volunteer and other extracurricular activities involved in during the past four (4) years:

**FAMILY INFORMATION**

	Name	Occupation	Annual Salary
Father			\$
Mother			\$

Your Employment Status/Income:

No. of Family Members (incl. parents) :

**OTHER FINANCIAL AID**

List below all financial aid you have been awarded thus far. You are requested to keep the committee informed of any financial aid received.

Name of Award/Grant/Loan	Amount
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

**LETTERS OF REFERENCE**

Name	Address/Phone	Title/Organization
1 .		
2 .		
3 .		
4 .		

THE INFORMATION REPRESENTED HERE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE ENTIRE APPLICATION.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**Veronica Wiley, Chairperson**

**(334) 300-9527**

**Mrs. Patricia Wright, Director of Lay Activities**

**Connectional Lay Organization**

**African Methodist Episcopal Church**

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

## APPLICANT'S CHECK LIST

- Completed application
- Current unofficial high school transcript
- Essay (500-600 words)
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- Two (2) Photographs, business casual attire
- Letter of Acceptance
- Submit **all** materials in the same packet
- Episcopal District's deadline: \_\_\_\_\_