

The 5th District Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

2018 Lay Community Service Scholarship

[NOTE: Applicants may apply for only ONE scholarship. Applicants who apply for more than one scholarship are automatically disqualified.]

The 5th District Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Lay Community Service Scholarship was established for graduating seniors who have exhibited outstanding Community Service. This scholarship is in the amount of Five Hundred (\$500) dollars and will be awarded to one deserving student.

I. PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

- a. To recognize and reward a graduating high school senior with exemplary community service involvement.
- b. To encourage young people to be actively involved in the training organizations of the AME Church and to participate in community service.

II. CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

- a. Applicants must be a member of their local AME Church for at least 12 months and must either be an active member of the Lay Organization or other Church Ministry.
- b. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior.
- c. Evidence of Outstanding Community Service involvement.

NOTE: Students with a GED also will be considered.

III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- a. Contact your Local Lay Organization for an application or download the application from the 5th District Lay Organization website: <http://fifthdistrictlay.org>.
- b. A personal essay (250 – 300 words) that describes:
 1. Your long-range goals
 2. Community **and** church involvement
 3. Accomplishments or special awards
 4. Community Service involvement
 5. Challenges you have faced
 6. How you responded

- c. Three (3) letters of recommendation focused on your community service involvement. (1. Teacher/Counselor; 2. Church member/Pastor; and 3. Letter from your local Lay Organization or other Church Ministry to verify church membership and participation in church programs.)
LETTERS FROM RELATIVES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.
- d. A 5"x7" color photograph **must** be submitted with the application.
- e. All materials must be **postmarked or received electronically by the May 15, 2018** deadline. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** [Any questions must be directed to the email address vailsweber@aol.com in a timely manner **PRIOR** to the deadline. **PLEASE NO PHONE CALLS.**]

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IV. SELECTION PROCESS

The applicants will be scored by a judging committee comprised of members of the 5th District Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The judges will evaluate eligible students based on their Community Service involvement as expressed in their essay and letters of recommendation. The winner will be announced in July 2018.

V. AWARD DISTRIBUTION

A check in the amount of \$500 will be issued by the 5th District Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the name of the **Lay Community Service Scholarship** to the selected student. The check will be issued at the beginning of the fall year upon receipt of enrollment documentation to an institution of higher education, trade school, etc.

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Application Deadline: **MAY 15, 2018**
(See Criteria for Eligibility – **Please Print or Type**)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name [Click here to enter Your Name](#) Phone [Click here to enter a phone number](#)
E-mail [Click here to enter an email address](#)
Parent Name(s) [Click here to enter the name\(s\) of your parents](#)
Parent's E-mail [Click here to enter the email address of your parents](#)
Address [Click here to enter your address](#)
City [Click here to enter your city](#) State [State](#) Zip [Zip Code](#)

COLLEGE INFORMATION

College you are attending [Click here to enter the college you are attending](#)
Your Major/Minor [Click here to enter your Major/Minor](#)
College Address [Click here to enter the address of your college](#)
City [Click here to enter the City](#) State [State](#) Zip [Zip Code](#)

Church Information

Home Church [Click here to enter your Church.](#) Conference [Choose Your Conference](#)

**The 5th District Lay Organization
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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET FOR
THE LAY COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP**

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Checklist

The following is a list of qualifications and items that **MUST** be submitted in order for a scholarship application to be considered. Every candidate must be able to check each line, or the candidate is disqualified.

As a candidate for this Lay Organization scholarship, I affirm the following:

- I am a graduating high school senior.
- I have composed the requested personal essay (250 words – 300 words) and **it has been proofread** for typing errors, grammar, structure, organization, content and clarity (**60% of score**).
- I have attached three (3) letters of reference, one of which is a letter verifying church membership and participation in the Lay Organization or other church ministry (**15% of score**).
- I have a list all of my school and Community Service involvement (**15% of score**).
- Submit a 5 x 7 color photo (**10% of score**).
- My name appears on **ALL** attachments.

Your signature below signifies you have checked each line above and therefore affirm each statement. After signing, attach this form to the front of your application. **Applications will not be reviewed without the checklist attached.**

Student's Name (PRINT)

Student's Signature

[Click here to enter a date.](#)

Date

Email [Click here to enter an email address](#)

Phone [Click here to enter your Phone Number](#)

Application materials should be scanned as pdf and e-mailed no later than May 15, 2018 to: vailsweber@aol.com. If necessary, mail application to:

Lay Community Service Scholarship- Attn: Dorothy Vails-Weber / 7489 Gorge View Terrace, San Diego, CA. 92120