

SONS OF ALLEN
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
**2023 LAMAR P. HIGGINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

Eligibility:

1. Active **male** members of the AME Church and active in one of the following components of the church ~ YPD, Lay Organization, Sons of Allen, Richard Allen Young Adult Council (RAYAC), Christian Education, Jr. Stewards, Jr. Trustees, etc.
2. Promoted to High School Junior or Senior, Graduating High School Senior, Current College Freshman, Sophomore or Junior, presently pursuing a bachelor's degree.
3. Current first year college student pursuing an associate or technical degree.

Application Requirements:

1. Completed application.
2. Two letters of recommendation, on official letterhead, from the following:
 - a. Local Church Pastor (**Required**)
 - b. Local YPD Director, Lay Organization President, Sons of Allen President, Richard Allen Young Adult Council President, or Christian Education Director.
3. Official transcript with GPA of 2.5 or above.

Criteria for Selection:

1. Performance such as activities, awards and/or accomplishments.
2. Quality and level of church participation (Local, PE District, Conference, Episcopal District or Connectional).
3. Leadership and extracurricular activities.
4. **ReferenceRecommendation** letters.
5. Career goals that include principles exhibited by Brother Lamar P. Higgins, e.g., love for and dedication to the church, zeal and joy in the work of the church, demonstrated leadership, compassion, commitment to excellence, dependability, accountability in the work of mission and in academics, extracurricular, and community activities.
6. HBCU attendance additional weight, but open to all students regardless of the school they attend.

Applicant must submit all requested documents to either your local Sons of Allen Unit President (if one exists) or Pastor. **Applications must be accurate and completed according to the directions in order to be considered. No application will be considered if it is 1) Incomplete 2) missing references or signatures 3) missing official current college, high school or technical transcript 4) submitted after the deadline. Final evaluation will be made using the above listed criteria.**

***Scholarship funds will only be sent to the college of enrollment and held for High School juniors until college enrollment!**