

Gordon C. Willis Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Gordon C. Willis Memorial Scholarship Fund (formerly known as the Eastern Diocese Scholarship Fund) was prayerfully conceived in 1988 to assist our young people in their pursuit of academic excellence. A scholarship committee was appointed and assigned the task of developing the rules and the scholarship application. Dr. George Thompson served as the first President of the scholarship fund.

In July 1993 following the sudden death of Deacon Gordon C. Willis a member of First Church of Christ Holiness, U.S.A Washington, D.C., it was proposed to the body that the name of the scholarship fund be changed to the Gordon C. Willis Memorial Scholarship in recognition of Brother Willis' devotion and dedication to the work of the Lord. The scholarship fund had a challenging beginning; however, the Lord's blessings have allowed us to be consistent in awarding scholarships.

Please note if your local church does not contribute to the Gordon C. Willis Scholarship Fund, you are not eligible to apply for the scholarship.

This year's application deadline:

Please give the application to Missionary Bonita Brown at the convention by

June 20, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.

. Please bring the application in a sealed envelope

Gordon C. Willis Scholarship Award Requirements

To apply for this award, applicants must meet all the following requirements:

- † Must be an active member of The National Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.
- † Must be an active member of their local Sunday School and/or H.Y.M. for a period of one year.
- † Must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 from high school or college.
- † Must be a graduating high school senior or a college student on any level.

Mandatory Documentation

- † Letter of recommendation from the Pastor **and** Sunday School Superintendent.
- † Copy of current high school transcript with college acceptance letter.
- † Copy of college transcript for current college students.
- † The application must be typed (No Exceptions).
- † Essay

All students will be considered for this award; however, high school students will be given priority. Applications along with documentation cannot be emailed.

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If you have any questions concerning the application process, please feel free to contact your church representative listed below or Missionary Bonita Brown.

Church Representative Telephone Number

First Church New York- Deaconess Cynthia Broxton (718) 651-5360	First Church Washington- Missionary Beverly Latson (301) 894-0374
First Church Norfolk - Sister Cheryl Copeland (757) 686-0140	Mount Olive - Sister Vinata Washington (757) 246-6837
First Church Freeman - Sister Mortici Davis (434) 532-5905	Greater Works- Sister Shunaic Mickey Jones (757) 236-8557
Future Church- Sister LaShawn Peteet Davis (804) 379-5573	New Life Christian Center- Missionary Bonita Brown (302)563-4973

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(Please type only)

Personal Information

Last Name First Name M.I.

College Student ID (if applicable) _____ Phone # _____

Email: _____

Home address: _____

_____ Street City
State Zip Code

Male Female (Circle one) Date of Birth: _____ Name of Parents or Guardian: _____

Academic Information

School Currently Attending: _____

High School Graduated from: _____

Current Class Level: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior (Circle one)

Career Goals: _____

Major Field of Study: _____

Degree Sought: _____

Expected

Graduation

Date: _____

Status: Full Time Part- Time (Circle one)

List any honor or awards you have received.

List all extra-curricular awards.

Family Financial Information

Have you applied for financial aid? Yes No

Are you receiving financial aid? Yes No

Are you receiving any other scholarships? Yes No

Community and Church involvement

Volunteer position held:

Describe the duties performed:

Special interest:

Additional Information

Please explain why this scholarship will further your career development.

Please explain how you can give back towards the Gordon C. Willis Scholarship Fund.

Please explain your involvement with your local Sunday School/HYM.

Please provide additional information you wish to share with the scholarship committee.

Certification

I (we) certify that to the best of my (our) knowledge, the information on this application is correct and complete. I (we) also agree that the Eastern Diocese Sunday School and H.Y.M. Scholarship Committee has my (our) permission to verify this information.

Signature Parents/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Application Checklist for Gordon C. Willis Scholarship Fund



Please utilize the following checklist to ensure that all required items are provided to ensure your applications is complete:

- *I am an active member of the National Church of Church Holiness U.S.A. € I am an active member of my Local Sunday School and /or HYM for a period of one year or more.*
- *I have a GPA of 2.5 from high school or college.*
- *I am a graduating high school senior or college student on any level.*
- *I have my letter of recommendation from the Pastor.*
- *I have my letter of recommendation from the Sunday School Superintendent.*
- *I have a copy of my current “sealed official high school transcript” with a college acceptance letter.*
- *I have a copy of my college transcript. (This is for current college students) € My application is typed.*
- *All required letters have handwritten signatures from the Pastor and Sunday School Superintendent.*
- *I have reviewed the packet/checklist with my Sunday School Superintendent.*

Signature _____ *Date* _____