



ST. MARK A.M.E CHURCH

1616 West Atkinson Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53206

Rev. Dr. Joy Gallmon, Pastor

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DATE: December 6, 2020

TO: The Guidance Director
College Counselor

FROM: The St. Mark A. M. E. Scholarship Committee

RE: Cynthia M. Watts Memorial Scholarship Fund

Enclosed please find an application for the Cynthia M. Watts Memorial Scholarship fund, along with a list of criteria for applicants. Please distribute these materials to your eligible graduating seniors and urge them to return all necessary materials by Friday March 19, 2021; to the address on the application. You may feel free to make additional copies of the materials, if necessary.

Thank you for your cooperation.

cc: Markus J. Watts, Chairperson-Cynthia M. Watts Memorial Scholarship Fund
Corliss Smith, Co-Chairperson-Cynthia M. Watts Memorial Scholarship Fund



Cynthia M. Watts Memorial Scholarship Fund



A designated fund established to support the scholarship initiatives of St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church, recognized as the oldest black church in the state of Wisconsin. Cynthia, a proud graduate of Riverside High School, worked as a paraprofessional at O.W. Holmes Elementary School, Roosevelt Middle School of the Arts and The Academy of Accelerated Learning, all of which belong to the Milwaukee Public School System. Cynthia raised seven children, including five nieces and nephews. She believed in and was always committed to higher education and the pursuit of academic excellence for herself and especially her children. Her son Markus and daughter Dawn cannot remember a time when their mother was not in school attending Milwaukee Area Technical College and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Along with her commitment to the goals of education, she lived a life of service. She was always giving, sacrificing and thinking about "the least of those." She was an unsung hero, who will be remembered for putting the needs of others first. Her son Markus Watts and her daughter Corliss Smith are chair and co-chair of the fund, which they established with the help of many dear relatives and friends.

Criterion for Applicants

The initial distribution of funds will be administered by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Inc. which will send a scholarship check to St. Mark A.M.E Church Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee when then issue the check in the name the recipient/ student. Should the student fail to attend the school the check is to be returned to the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Inc.

TO QUALIFY EACH APPLICANT MUST:

- Be a high school senior of African American or African descent with a 2.75 cum GPA or higher.
- Submit an application, transcript, current class schedule and two letters of recommendation from a teacher, official church representative and or community leader.
- Submit a minimum 350-word essay on **How will your education prepare you to give back to the black community? OR Define "Servant Leadership" and how it can serve as a change agent in today's workforce?**
- Participate in a scheduled interview with St. Mark A.M.E Church Scholarship Committee. (1616 W. Atkinson Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53206; Phone #: (414) 562-8030)
- Have completed high school and to be enrolled in a college/ university. Both male and female applicants are eligible.
- Have maintained a 2.75 GPA for the duration of the scholarship.
- Show proof of acceptance to a qualifying college/ university.
- Use funds for tuition, room and board, laboratory fees or materials required for study at the college/ university they attend. Checks will be made out to the recipient in the amount of \$500.00 initially, upon proof of acceptance. Amount may vary based on principal balance of the fund and number of eligible applicants.
- Be scholarly, exhibit moral character and leadership abilities.
- Volunteer time and talent back to the black community that is supporting him/her.
- Keep in touch with the funding agency regarding their progress or lack of it in college.
- Understand that any violations or infractions of the rules established by the college/ university as well as the funding agency will result in forfeiture of eligibility to receive further funds. Any funds remaining upon withdrawal from the college or university must be returned to the funding agency within 90 days. **Remaining funds are not to be given to an ineligible student under any circumstances.**



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Application

APPLICANT NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

APPLICANT LIVES WITH: MOTHER BOTH PARENTS
 FATHER OTHER: _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD: _____

AGE OF EACH CHILD: CHILD 1: ___ CHILD 2: ___ CHILD 3: ___ CHILD 4: ___ CHILD 5: ___

ARE ANY OTHER CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD ATTENDING COLLEGE? YES NO

NUMBER OF CHILDREN NOT IN HOUSEHOLD: ___ ARE THEY SUPPORTED BY YOUR PARENTS? YES NO

APPLICANT PRESENT HIGH SCHOOL: _____

CLASS RANK: _____ G.P.A.: _____

APPLICANT'S ACTIVITIES/WORK: _____

TO WHICH COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY HAVE YOU APPLIED?

1) _____ LOCATION: _____ ACCEPTED YES NO

2) _____ LOCATION: _____ ACCEPTED YES NO

WHAT IS YOUR INTENDED MAJOR? _____

WHAT CAREER PLANS DO YOU HAVE? _____

WHAT EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ARE YOU INVOLVED IN (SCHOOL/ COMMUNITY)?

WHAT AWARDS AND HONORS HAVE YOU RECEIVED? _____

WILL YOU RECEIVE ANY OTHER FINANACIAL AID? YES NO



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SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES (State any needs you or your family feel is unusual, and you would like for the committee to consider) _____

WRITE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOURSELF: _____

LETTERS OF REFERENCE:

Submit two letters of character reference from people who are familiar with your involvement in two of the following:

- COMMUNITY
- CHURCH
- SCHOOL
- EMPLOYMENT

I herby certify that the information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

PLEASE NOTE:

This application form along with the following must be received by the St. Mark A.M.E. Church Scholarship Committee by March 19, 2021:

- Counselor's Section
- Two letters of reference
- 350-word essay (Minimum)
- High School Transcript
- Current Class Schedule
- A wallet size photo (*if you have one*)

PLEASE MAIL TO: St. Mark A.M.E Church Scholarship Committee
C/o St. Mark A.M.E. Church
1616 W. Atkinson Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53206
info@stmarkame.org

DEADLINE: March 19, 2021



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Counselor's Section

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

SCHOOL'S NAME: _____

CUMULATIVE G.P.A.: _____

CLASS RANK: _____

CLASS SIZE: _____

COMMENTS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

NOTE: PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AND RETURN TO:

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