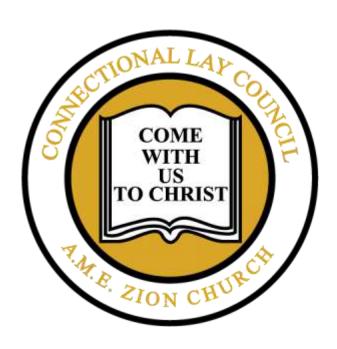
# CONNECTIONAL LAY COUNCIL THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH



# BISHOP GEORGE JUNIUS LEAKE, III ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Connectional Lay Council (CLC) established the Bishop George Junius Leake, III Scholarship Fund in 1981 under the presidency of Dr. Betty V. Stith. In July 2013 under the presidency of Dr. Yvonne Tracey, the CLC expanded the scholarship's vision and mission by establishing an Endowment Fund with \$50,000. The funds to support the endowment were presented to HTS on July 31, 2013 at the 9<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Lay Convention. Students selected to receive the scholarship are designated by Hood Theological Seminary as "Leake Scholars" to be named annually. The scholarship is designed to perpetuate the legacy of Bishop Leake by offering financial assistance to A.M.E. Zion students enrolled at Hood Theological Seminary who are committed to entering into the ordained ministry.

Bishop Leake was a proponent of academic excellence and spiritual growth. He strongly advocated educational preparation for those called to proclaim God's Word and to lead His people to Kingdom building. Therefore, the purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and enable members of the A.M.E. Zion Church to fulfill their calling to the ordained ministry via religious studies.

Bishop Leake was born November 21, 1929 in Wilson, NC. He entered the traveling ministry in 1950. Bishop Leake graduated from Livingstone College in 1957 and received a Masters of Divinity from Hood Theological Seminary in 1960. He was elected to the Episcopacy in May 1972 and died June 15, 1981. Bishop Leake urged the Connectional Lay Council to "make a difference" and it is in that spirit that the scholarship fund was initiated to perpetuate his memory and dedication to Zion Methodism.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

Eligibility Criteria:

- College or university graduate
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater
- Accepted/Enrolled as a full-time student in the M.Div., MTS or DMIN program at Hood Theological Seminary.
- Documentation supporting leadership qualities, volunteer and civic services.
- Member in good standing of the A.M.E. Zion Church.

Number of Awards per semester:

One award annually

**Application Process:** 

Applicants must submit the following documents on or before the established deadline:

- Completed Bishop George J. Leake, III Scholarship Application.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation documenting status in local church, leadership qualities, volunteer and civic services.
- Official transcript, bearing college/university/seminary seal
- Acceptance letter to Hood Theological Seminary, new/transfer students only.

Selection Process:	<ul> <li>The HTS Director of Financial Aid and Scholarship Committee will review applications and select the finalist.</li> <li>Decisions of the director and committee is final.</li> <li>The HTS Director of Financial Aid will notify recipients and the Connectional Lay Council of the scholarship award.</li> </ul>				
Recipient Requirements:	Recipient must maintain a full-time student status, membership in good standing in the A.M.E. Zion Church and a cumulative GPA of 3.0				
Deadlines:	Applications will be accepted: Fall Semester from July 1 <sup>st</sup> through August 30 <sup>st</sup> Spring Semester from November 1 <sup>st</sup> through December 31 <sup>st</sup>				
APPLICATION COMPLETION	CHECKLIST				
☐ Completed application form, including personal statement.					
☐ Three (3) recommendation forms that have been sealed and signed on the flap of the envelope.					
☐ Official unopened transcript from college/university/seminary with the cumulative GPA listed.					
☐ Acceptance letter from Hood Theological Seminary, if applicable.					
☐ Evidence of financial need from the HTS Financial Aid Department.					
Submit all materials together. <u>Type or use black ink to complete application</u> . Blue ink or pencil is not acceptable.					
Send completed application to	o: Hood Theological Seminary Attn: Director of Financial Aid 1810 Lutheran Synod Drive Salisbury, NC 28144				

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## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Please read all instructions on the application before completing. The application and all attachments become the property of the HTS Financial Aid and Scholarship Committee/CLC. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit a complete application packet. The Committee will assume neither responsibility for nor attempt to join materials submitted separately.

Name						
Last Home Address_	First	MI				
City	State	Zip Code				
Home Telephone Number	Alternate Telephone Number					
Classification (If Applicable)						
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Seminary Attending						
Seminary Address						
City	State	Zip Code				
Academic Program						
LEADERSHIP,	MINISTRY AND CIV	/IC ACTIVITIES				
1. List the honors, awards, and scholarships received; include the year.						
<ol> <li>List organizations in which you have membership, and/or programs in which you have been actively involved.</li> </ol>						

#### ACADEMIC AND VOCATION GOAL STATEMENT

goals. DO NOT EXCEED TH	HIS SPACE AND TYPE OR P	KINI LEGIBLY.	
I certify that all information Submitting false or inaccur	on contained herein is accurate information/claims are s	te and complete to the best of aubject to forfeiture of award.	my knowledge.
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#### PERSONAL REFERENCES - RECOMMENDATION FORM

Include three (3) recommendation forms that have been sealed and signed on the flap of the envelope. These forms should be dated no earlier than 60 days prior to the application process. They should be completed by persons who can attest to your character, interpersonal relationships, academic achievements, ministry, leadership and community involvement; i.e., Current Bishop, Current Presiding Elder, Local Pastor, teachers, community leaders and high school/college administrators.

(Please print or type)					
Name c	of applicant				
	Last	First	Middle Initial		
Please o	comment on each of the following a Length and nature of your relation				
2.	The applicant's involvement in m	inistry			
3.	The applicant's overall effectives	ness and potential for ministry			
4.	Will your church, ministry or orgetc.?)	anization be supporting the applicant? In	what ways (financial, prayers,		
5.	Other comments				
6.		qualifications for this scholarship, please countries with reservationI highly recommend			
Signatu	re	Date	Position		
Print na	ime		Daytime Phone		
Name o	of Church		P.E. District		
Street A	Address	City/State/Zip			

 $Please\ place\ your\ recommendation\ in\ envelope,\ seal\ and\ return\ to\ the\ applicant\ to\ be\ submitted\ with\ application.$ 

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