

The Handy Simmons Scholarship was established to honor the memory and dedicated service of Mary F. Handy, organizer of the Parent Mite Missionary Society in 1907, and Sandy G. Simmons, the first President of The Women's Home and Foreign Missions 1915-1927. The Fifth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society shall provide financial assistance to our youth in their efforts to further their education. This financial assistance is offered in the form of academic scholarships for both tuition assistance and book awards. It is our hope that in doing so, they will commit their skills, talents, and service to the African Methodist Episcopal Church and their country. This Commission functions under the leadership of the Second Vice President, the Commissioner of Mission Education and Interpretation and the Connectional President.

Fifth Episcopal District Handy Simmons Scholarship

Active members of the Fifth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church **and** the Young Peoples Department are eligible to apply for the Fifth Episcopal District Handy Simmons Scholarship Award if they are presently pursuing a Bachelor or Associate (technical) degree from a two-year or four-year college or university.

To be considered for the Fifth District Handy Simmons Scholarship, candidates must submit (1) A color 3x5 photo (2) minimum of 500 words, not to exceed 1,000 word essay explaining how you will use your education to better the Fifth Episcopal District (3) and a letter of recommendation from their Local Pastor, Missionary President or YPD Director stating areas and quality of church participation.

Completed essays shall be sent to the Conference Handy Simmons Commissioners who will check the applications for accuracy and completeness prior to submitting them to the Episcopal District Commissioner Mrs. Tamara Thomas. Mrs. Thomas may be reached at 310.995.4565 or wmscholarshipinfo@gmail.com. The deadline for applications is October 14 , 2011.

Scholarships will be awarded during our AcadAME Awards Program on October 29, 2011

Essays will be evaluated on the following criteria:

Content:

1. The typed essay is to be a minimum of 500 words but not to exceed 1000 words.
2. The topic is clearly addressed.
3. Ideas are developed and support the topic.
4. The writing demonstrates a sense of completeness.

Grammatical Structure:

1. Free of run-on sentences and sentence fragments.
2. Correct subject/verb agreement and verb tense.
3. Correct use of singular and plural noun forms.
4. Correct/appropriate use of punctuation
5. Appropriate/ correct word choice.
6. Free of spelling errors.

Organization:

1. The ideas flow and fit together.
2. The details are sequential in logical order
3. The writing has a clear beginning, middle, and end.
4. The ideas are presented in varied and innovative use of words, phrases, and sentences.