

The 5th District Lay Organization

Bishop T. Larry Kirkland Scholarship of Excellence

The Bishop T. Larry Kirkland Scholarship of Excellence is established by the Fifth District Lay Organization for the purpose of assisting young men and women of the Fifth Episcopal District to obtain a college education. The Bishop T. Larry Kirkland scholarship for One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) dollars will be awarded to one deserving student. This scholarship program is administered by the Fifth District Lay Organization.

I. PURPOSE OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP

- a. To recognize and reward the educational excellence of college students who plans to return to an institution the following college term.
- b. To encourage young people to be actively involved in the Lay Organization of the AME Church.

II. CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

- a. Applicants must be a member of the A.M.E. Church for at least 12 months and must either be an active member of the Lay Organization or Lay sponsored programs, or the Missionary Society (YPD) or Missionary sponsored programs.
- b. Applicants must be a currently enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning with a GPA of at least 2.5.
- c. Applicants must send to the committee an official transcript from the college registrar of the school attended.
- d. Applicants must provide notice of registration from the institution of higher learning that she/he plans to attend in the Fall of 2011 before the scholarship is remitted.(seal MUST APPEAR ON TRANSCRIPT)

III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Download the application from the Fifth District website <http://www.amec5th.net>.
- A current official college transcript of grades (seal must appear on transcript).
- A personal essay (500 words or less) that describes your long-range plans, community and church involvement, accomplishments or special awards, and challenges you have faced, and how you responded.
- Three letters of recommendation. (teacher, counselor, church member, pastor.) **LETTERS FROM RELATIVES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**
- A letter from the local Lay Organization, Missionary Society or Men's ministry president to verify church membership and participation.
- A 5"x7" color photograph should be submitted with the application.
- All materials must be received by the **May 30, 2011** deadline.

IV. SELECTION PROCESS

The recipient will be selected by a judging committee comprised of members of the Fifth District Lay Organization. The judges will evaluate eligible students based on the academic record, quality of the essay, letters of recommendation, accomplishments and the level of participation in church activities. The winner will be announced at the Fifth District Summit in **JULY, 2011**.

V. AWARD DISTRIBUTION

A check in the amount of \$750 will be issued by the 5th District Lay Organization in the name of the Bishop T. Larry Kirkland Scholarship to the selected student at the beginning of the fall and spring semester. Checks will be awarded after proof of registration for each semester. (Adjustments will be made for schools on the quarter system.)

The 5th District Lay Organization of the
African Methodist Episcopal Church
The Bishop T. Larry Kirkland Scholarship Application – Year 2011
Application Deadline: **MAY 30, 2011**
(See Criteria for Eligibility – **Please Print or Type**)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Parent Name(s) _____

Parent's E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

COLLEGE INFORMATION

College you are attending _____

Your Major/Minor _____

College Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Checklist

To process your application, The 5th District Lay Organization must have the following application components by the above deadline:

- Completed application form**
- Essay**
- Three letters of recommendation**
- College transcript**
- Letter [verifying](#) church membership and participation in organizations. (Lay, Missionary, Men's group)**

Application materials may be mailed or delivered to:

**DR. DOROTHY VAILS-WEBER
7489 GORGE VIEW TERRACE
SAN DIEGO, CA 92120
Email: vailsweber@aol.com**