

# The 5<sup>th</sup> District Lay Organization

## Fred J. Stuart Scholarship of Achievement

The Fred J. Stuart scholarship of Achievement is established by the Fifth District Lay Organization to provide a scholarship to deserving young men and women to assist them in obtaining post secondary education. This scholarship is designated for those students planning to attend an accredited institution of higher learning and who has maintained a high school cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above; or are currently enrolled at any accredited post secondary institution with a GPA of 2.5 or above. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one qualifying student.

### I. PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

- a. To recognize **and reward** the educational excellence of graduating high school seniors.
- b. To encourage graduating high school seniors to pursue post secondary education.
- c. To encourage young people to be actively involved in the Lay Organization of the AME Church and to participate in community service programs.

### 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 must have participated in the Lay Organization sponsored activities.
- b. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled in an accredited institution of post secondary education with a GPA of at least 2.5.
- c. Applicants must provide an acceptance letter from the institution of higher learning that she/he plans to attend in the fall of 2011.
- d. Applicants must have a high school academic GPA of at least 3.0.

**NOTE: Students with a GED will be considered.**

### III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- a. Download the application from the Fifth District website <http://www.fifthdistrictlay.org>
- b. A current official High School transcript of grades (seal must appear on transcript).
- c. A personal essay (250 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.
- d. Three letters of recommendation. (teacher, counselor, church member, pastor.) **LETTERS FROM RELATIVES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**
- e. A letter from the local Lay Organization president to verify church and Lay organization membership; and/or participation in Lay Organization sponsored activities.
- f. A 5"x7" color photograph should be submitted with the application.
- g. 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 the Fifth District Lay Organization. The judges will evaluate eligible students based on academic records, quality of the essay, letters of recommendation, accomplishments and Lay Organization participation. The winner will be announced at the Fifth District Summit in July, 2011.

### V. AWARD DISTRIBUTION

A check in the amount of \$500 will be issued by 5<sup>th</sup> District Lay Organization in the name of the Fred J. Stuart Scholarship of Achievement to the selected student at the beginning of the fall and spring semester.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> District Lay Organization of The  
African Methodist Episcopal Church  
The Fred J. Stuart Scholarship Application – Year 2011**

Application Deadline: **MAY 30, 2011**

**Please Print or Type**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE INFORMATION**

College you will be attending \_\_\_\_\_

Your Major/Minor \_\_\_\_\_

College Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**The 5<sup>th</sup> District Lay Organization  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET FOR  
Fred J. Stuart Scholarship of Achievement**

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Checklist

To process your application, the 5<sup>th</sup> District Lay Organization must have the following application components by the above deadline:

- Completed application form**
- Essay**
- Three letters of recommendation**
- High school transcript**
- Letter of membership**
- Acceptance letter from an institution of post secondary education.**

Application materials may be mailed or delivered to:

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