

**MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
8101 Erdrick Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19136
215 624 - 8869**

Rev. Scott C. Dorsey, Pastor

May 14, 2017

Dear Educational Assistance Award Applicant:

Enclosed is an application for an Educational Assistance Award for the 2017-2018 academic year. **FULLY COMPLETED** applications must be submitted to either H. Walter Early, Loretta Jackson or W. Clark Early no later than **Sunday, June 18, 2017**, to be eligible to receive an award. **I strongly encourage church disciples to complete and submit an application for an Educational Assistance Award if you are considering continuing your education to preserve your eligibility to receive an Educational Assistance Award even though you may not have definitively determined to attend a college/university or a post secondary school.** Incomplete or late applications, except as specified below, **will not be considered for an award.** The three exceptions to the requirement to submit a fully complete and timely application are as follows:

1. If you have not received a letter of acceptance/admission to the school you plan to attend when the completed application is due, this will not make you ineligible to receive an award;
2. If you are graduating from high school and are unable to include two letters of recommendation with your application, **you must provide in writing** the name and address of the persons from whom you have requested a letter of recommendation, their relationship to you (e.g., teacher, counselor, employer, etc.) and the date of the request; and
3. If you are a continuing student and are unable to include a copy of a transcript or official record of your most recent grades with your application, **you must include written documentation** that you have requested a transcript or official record of your grades to be eligible for an award.

This letter describes the eligibility criteria and application process for applying for a Garner/Yancey Educational Assistance Award. The enclosed application form can also be used to apply for financial assistance under the following educational award programs: Robert C. Reed Foundation (music); R. Johnson Waller, Jr. Scholarship Fund; Ida Nix Memorial Scholarship Fund; Pauline Lucas Scholarship (nursing); and Edith Wilson Scholarship (high school graduate with the highest grade point average).

Applicants for a Garner/Yancey Assistance Award who are graduating from high school will be scheduled for a **mandatory** interview with the Garner/Yancey Educational Committee. The applicant should bring to the interview a portfolio consisting of any certificates, awards or other documents which demonstrate your accomplishments and the activities in which you participate. Garner/Yancey applicants who are continuing students may be scheduled for an interview at the discretion of the Garner/Yancey Educational Committee.

To be eligible to receive a Garner/Yancey Educational Assistance Award the applicant must be:

- a **member/disciple** of Mount Zion Baptist Church; and
- pursuing a Bachelor Degree, Associate Degree or post secondary school diploma or certificate.

An applicant is only eligible to receive a Garner/Yancey Assistance Award for a total of five years. In addition, an applicant for a Garner/Yancey Assistance Award will not be eligible to receive an award if you receive an award from another educational assistance award program sponsored or administered by the Mount Zion Baptist Church with the exception of the Edith Wilson Scholarship which is awarded to the high school graduate with the highest grade point average. Both full and part time students are eligible to receive the same amount of financial assistance.

If you have any questions regarding these instructions or need assistance completing the application, please contact either H. Walter Early, Loretta Jackson or W. Clark Early.

Yours in Christian Fellowship,

Marcus Jackson, President
Youth Enrichment Services

Scott C. Dorsey
Pastor

Enclosure:

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2017-2018 MT. ZION EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AWARD APPLICATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____

Home Phone No. _____ Cell Phone No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS WHO ARE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL

High School Graduating From _____

College/University/Trade/Vocational/Technical School you are planning to attend

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Have you been accepted? _____ Yes (Attach copy of letter) _____ No

APPLICANTS GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL MUST PROVIDE TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM EITHER A TEACHER, COUNSELOR, EMPLOYER OR PERSON OTHER THAN A FAMILY MEMBER WITH YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION

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THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS WHO ARE CONTINUING STUDENTS

Continuing Student: _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior

College/University/Trade/Vocational/Technical School you are presently enrolled in

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Major Course of Study _____ Projected Graduation Date _____

ALL APPLICANTS MUST INCLUDE EITHER AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OR DOCUMENTATION OF GRADES RECEIVED FOR THE MOST RECENT ACADEMIC PERIOD WITH YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS

Are you a member/disciple of Mount Zion Baptist Church? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you enrolling on a full or part time basis? _____ Full Time _____ Part Time

List the Church boards/auxiliaries/committees/activities in which you participate

List the school/community activities in which you participate _____

List the honors/awards you have received _____

List your hobbies/talents _____

Have you previously received a Garner Yancey Award? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, indicate the number of years _____

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER IN AT LEAST 150 WORDS DISCUSS IN LIGHT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY WHETHER OR NOT PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT ATTORNEY SETH WILLIAMS WHO HAS BEEN INDICTED FOR CORRUPTION SHOULD RESIGN HIS POSITIION OR TAKE OTHER ACTION TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN PHILADELPHIA

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED BY SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017

indicate below the type(s) of Financial Assistance for which you are applying:

- _____ Garner/Yancey Educational Award _____ R. Johnson Waller, Jr. Scholarship
_____ Robert C. Red Foundation (music) _____ Ida Nix Memorial Scholarship Fund
_____ Pauline Lucas Scholarship (nursing)
_____ Edith Wilson Scholarship (high school graduate with the highest grade point)

Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____
(Required if Applicant is under 21)

Please return completed application to either H. Walter Early, Loretta Jackson or W. Clark Early

Received by _____ **Date** _____