

# 2010 VERA L. BENTON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Sixth Episcopal District  
Lay Organization

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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## Vera L. Benton Scholarship

The **Vera L. Benton Scholarship** was established by the Sixth Episcopal District Lay Organization on March 11, 2000 as a tribute to this very distinguished Layperson of the Sixth Episcopal District and a Professor of English at Morris Brown College for more than fifty years. The scholarship is presented to a student that will attend Morris Brown College. The purpose is to assist a worthy young man or woman, of Christian Faith, in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in obtaining a college education. The funds for this scholarship will be administered by the Sixth Episcopal District Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

### Eligibility Requirements

1. Must be a member of an African Methodist Episcopal Church in the Sixth Episcopal District
2. Must enter Morris Brown College as a freshman in the Fall of 2010.
3. Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
4. Must enroll in courses leading to a Bachelor's Degree.

### The Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship selection committee. The committee's composition will come from the membership of the Sixth Episcopal District Lay Organization. Committee members will evaluate the applicant's package in its entirety. The scholarship recipient will receive official notification of the award via mail. All decisions of the committee are final. No materials will be returned. **Only complete applications will be considered.**

### Scholarship Award

A single recipient will be chosen and will receive a **Two Thousand Dollar (\$2,000.00)** scholarship award. The scholarship will be mailed to the school at the end of August of this year, any deviation from this procedure will be at the discretion of the Education Commission. In the event the student is unable to attend in the Fall of this year, the award will be returned to the scholarship fund.

### Application Requirements

Eligible applicants must submit the following:

1. The completed application form which should be typewritten or printed neatly.
2. A current official high school transcript
3. Two letters of recommendation (from each category)
  - a. One from your pastor or Local Lay Organization President
  - b. One from your High School Teacher, High School Counselor or Community Leader
4. A Five Hundred (500) word typed essay on one of the following:
  - a. Why I want to Attend Morris Brown College?
  - b. How can I contribute to Morris Brown College's Legacy of Leadership for America?
  - c. How will Morris Brown College assist me in achieving my Career Goals?
5. The applicant may, if he or she chooses, submit in writing any information which will assist the judges in making their decision.
6. The Scholarship Application Package must be postmarked on or before **March 31, 2010**.

### **COMPLETED APPLICATION MATERIALS SHOULD BE MAILED TO**

Mr. Ashley T. Ballard  
Sixth Episcopal District Lay Organization  
P. O. Box 346  
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030-0346  
478-714-1025 (cell)

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

<i>PERSONAL INFORMATION</i>		
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME

STREET & NUMBER/ PO BOX	CITY	STATE/ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS:

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH	SEX
		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

<i>CHURCH INFORMATION</i>	
CONFERENCE	PRESIDING ELDER & DISTRICT
CHURCH	PASTOR
Church Related Activities and Awards	

EMPLOYMENT/INTERNSHIP HISTORY	
Please list your employment and internship type experiences (School Year and Summer Months)	
Position	Nature of Work

SCHOLARSHIP, GRANTS and OTHER TYPES OF AID	
Please list below the scholarships and grants you have been awarded thus far.	

SCHOOL INFORMATION	
HIGH SCHOOL	ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP
ACADEMIC HONORS, AWARDS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	

**TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIAL**

Each applicant must submit an **OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**. The following information should be provided to the student in a sealed envelope.

- Grade Point Average of coursework from 9<sup>th</sup> Grade through first semester of 12<sup>th</sup> Grade year. *(please use the 4.0 grading scale where possible, otherwise indicate the grading scale)*
- SAT Score and/or ACT Score.

All of the above materials need to be presented to the applicant in a sealed school letterhead envelope. The applicant will need this to include in his/her application package.

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**Official's Signature**                      **Telephone**                      **Title**                      **Date**

I have read and understand the eligibility requirements pertaining to this scholarship. I also understand that failure to complete any and all parts of the application package will result in disqualification.

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**Applicant's Signature**                      **Date**

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