



St. James United Methodist Church

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Dear Saint:

St. James United Methodist Church and the Christian Education Ministry would like to extend our congratulations on your impending high school graduation. We know that pursuing a higher education can be both challenging and exciting. So to help with the financial challenges, the Chestene M. Carter Memorial Scholarship is offered by St. James UMC to promote and support higher education opportunities for United Methodist High School graduates.

St. James UMC will award scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are members of the church and meet the guidelines as stated in this application package. Listed below are the details pertaining to completing the process. **All completed applications must be submitted by, Sunday, May 2, 2021 by 2:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Please adhere to the following requirements in completing your application package:

1. All enclosed documents must be typed.
2. Student Essay: Submit a typewritten essay, in your own words.
3. Provide a copy of an acceptance letter or proof of registration from the institution you plan to attend.
4. References are required from a school official, a ministry chair and a non-family member. **(Total of 3)**

Should you have any questions, please contact Daisy Phillips at (404) 642-3982 or Erica Durham at (404) 376-6707 or via email at ccscholarship@stjamesumc.org

In His Service,

Daisy Phillips and Erica Durham

INTRODUCTION

Chestene M. Carter Memorial Scholarships are awarded annually to High School Seniors who are members of the CMY Ministry at St. James United Methodist Church. The scholarship program was created in 2000 and named in honor of Chestene M. Carter, a champion for education and life-long member of St. James UMC. Sis Carter passed away in 2018 at the age of 85.

BIOGRAPHY OF: Chestene M. Carter

Chestene Manning Carter was born in Alpharetta, Georgia in 1933. She was baptized as an infant and at the age of 12 made the personal decision to follow Christ. Sister Carter attended elementary and high school in Alpharetta, graduating from Bailey Johnson High as Valedictorian. She attended classes at Clark College in Atlanta with the aid of a partial scholarship granted by a United Methodist scholarship program. She was forever grateful for the financial aid provided to her.

During her tenure as a servant leader at St. James, Sister Carter held the chairmanship of every ministry in the church. She continued to be a devoted servant even as her health declined during her later years. Her most significant contribution and the joy of her life was her interaction with the St. James youth as their Sunday School teacher. She valued education, and as Chairperson of Christian Education at St. James, she was able to instill this value into the young minds under her charge.

In a summary of her years of studying the Bible and teaching the word of God, Sister Carter stated, "I am still learning about God and His Will for my life. The church family gave and bestowed an honor upon me by renaming this scholarship in my name. In my heart, all my life I believe that God has called me to teach and work in areas of children and youth. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I will try to maintain honor, patience, an open mind, and integrity so this scholarship will be one of the best in the world to always honor Christ."

The St. James church family will continue to benefit from Sister Carter's contributions because of her life long dedication to service in God's Kingdom.

Chestene M. Carter Scholarship

1. All applicants should have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better and demonstrate a spirit of excellence in church and/or community.
2. Students must be members of St. James UMC for at least one (1) year prior to May 2, 2021
3. The applicant must show evidence that after graduating from high school, he/she will be attending a college, university, or other institutions of higher learning, e.g. vocational or trade school.
4. **Church Affiliation and Community Service** (For example, participation in St. James UMC Outreach Ministry Events, choir, Usher Ministry etc.)
5. **Letters of recommendation** from a school official, a ministry chair and a non-family member. The enclosed recommendation form must be attached to each letter. **(Total of 3)**
6. Students must include a copy of an official¹ transcript from the student's high school when applying for a scholarship.
7. All applications for a scholarship will be screened by the St. James Christian Education Scholarship Committee.
8. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.
9. Completed applications **MUST** be turned in by the designated date and time in order to be considered. **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.**
10. The due date for the 2020 Scholarship package is **Sunday, May 2, 2021 by 2 pm.**

¹ A copy is acceptable, but the copy must be of an official transcript

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Alternative Phone: _____

Father's (Guardian) Name: _____ Email: _____

Mother's (Guardian) Name: _____ Email: _____

COLLEGE INFORMATION:

List top two college choices: *(a minimum of one acceptance letter/proof or registration is required)*

College 1: _____ **College 2:** _____

Major Area of Study: _____ Expected Entry Date: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFO:

High School Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Principal: _____

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____

Name(s) of newspapers in your area (local, regional): _____

CHURCH INFORMATION:

Member of St. James? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, Month & Date Joined (MMYY): _____

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Please List in details all extra Curricular Activities and Community Involvement:

List clubs, organizations and the year of participation. Make note of those in which you've held a leadership position (e.g. chairperson or president)

List all honors, awards and special recognitions:

List your church ministries, community work, and/or volunteer activities:

CERTIFICATION, ALL APPLICANTS:

I certify that all information I have provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to give proof of the information on this application if requested. I give permission to the selection committee to review information on this form and my transcripts. I give permission for the selection committee to contact high school and college officials for additional academic and/or financial information. If selected to receive a scholarship, I give permission for a publicity release and photo to the regional/local newspapers or the high school publication.

Name (Please Print)

Signature

Date

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TO BE COMPLETED BY: The Applicant (Student)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Applicants are required to write a type-written essay in response to the topic below. Applicants may seek basic advice from parents or a school advisor. However, it is the scholarship committee's expectation that the essay submitted by the applicant will be based on original thought and not based on input from anyone else or the result of using any reference materials except the Bible. **The essay must be a minimum of 800 words in length but no longer than 1200 words and at least 2 pages, double spaced**

If an applicant has questions or need additional information they should contact a member of the Chestene Carter Scholarship Committee immediately.

ESSAY TOPIC: (Select only 1 of the Questions)

Graduating high school and planning the next phase of your life can create lots of anxious moments. The academic year 2020-2021 will go down in history as one of the most volatile times in our lifetime. You were bombarded daily with societal issues like the pandemic, virtual learning, social distancing, political unrest, and social justice.

1. Describe a time when you were anxious, afraid, discouraged, or in need of some motivation or encouragement to address an issue, problem, or situation. What path did you choose and what was your outcome?

Scripture Reference: Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10 (NKJV).

OR

2. The desire to "fit-in", explore new things, and take advantage of being free from parental oversight will be strong when you go to college. Discuss 3 things you will do to keep a Godly focus? (HINT: Look at several Bible Translations of the Scripture)

Scripture Reference: No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY: School Official

I recommend that _____, a graduating senior at _____ in
(Student Name) (School Name)

City: _____ State: _____ be awarded a Chestene M. Carter Scholarship.

Student's Cumulative Grade Pont Average: _____ Scale: _____ Class Rank: _____

Reminder: Please attach student's official academic transcript *(through the latest full term)*

We are seeking information about qualities related to the applicant's potential for success in postsecondary education. Please rate the candidate below:

Check Appropriate Column for Each item Below	Superior	Above Average	Average	Fair	Poor	Unable to Judge
Leadership						
Enthusiasm						
Initiative						
Dependability						
Adaptability						
Potential for success						

Please state your comments below pertaining to the student's extracurricular activities, citizenship, and their ability to be successful.

Recommendation completed by:

Name (Please Print)

Signature

Date

Position

Telephone Number

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TO BE COMPLETED BY: Ministry Chair

Student's (Applicant) Name: _____

Length of time you've know the applicant? _____

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

Check Appropriate Column for Each item	Below	Superior	Above Average	Average	Fair	Poor	Unable to Judge
Capacity for learning							
Attitude toward work							
Cooperativeness							
Leadership Abilities							
Dependability							
Potential for success							

Additional comments:

Recommendation completed by:

Name (Please Print)

Signature

Date

Title

Telephone Number

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TO BE COMPLETED BY: Non-Family Reference

Student's (Applicant) Name: _____

Length of time you've know the applicant? _____

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

Check Appropriate Column for Each item	Below	Superior	Above Average	Average	Fair	Poor	Unable to Judge
Capacity for learning							
Attitude toward work							
Cooperativeness							
Leadership Abilities							
Dependability							
Potential for success							

Additional comments:

Recommendation completed by:

Name (Please Print)

Signature

Date

Title

Telephone Number