



2021

Richard Allen Scholarship

"Growing Stronger | Going Deeper | Reaching Higher"



Minister, educator and writer Richard Allen was born into slavery in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on February 14, 1760. He converted to Methodism at age 17, and bought his freedom in 1783. In 1816, he founded the first national black church in the United States, the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He became an activist and abolitionist whose writings inspired Frederick Douglass and Martin Luther King Jr. He died in 1831.

The Scholarship Committee will review and evaluate all applications. Students seeking this scholarship will be evaluated on their demonstration of leadership, commitment to the church and the community, academic achievement, moral and ethical character. The application and all required documentation must be received by the deadline: **May 1, 2021. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Interested applicants must complete the application and email it along with a current official high school transcript to:

AllenTempleScholarship@gmail.com

No application will be considered after the May 1, 2021 deadline date.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all required documents and information. Application are evaluated on the information submitted to the committee. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** Applicants agree to accept the decision of the committee. Recipients for awards will be notified by official mail. Funds will not be dispersed until receipt of official registration from an accredited institution. **There will be no exceptions to these guidelines.**

ELIGIBILITY

- Graduating student from an accredited high school
- Must be active in Allen Temple AME Church
- Student must be accepted to an accredited 2 or 4 year university, college, trade or technical/vocational school. **A copy of the acceptance letter must be emailed to AllenTempleScholarship@gmail.com**
- Student must have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Two letters of recommendation are to be included with the application with one of the letters of recommendation coming from a faculty member of the applicants high school. Letters of recommendation should be emailed to **AllenTempleScholarship@gmail.com**
- Signature of Local Pastor
- Signature of Local YPD Director
- Signature of Church School Superintendent
- Signature of Youth Choir Director or Youth Usher Board Director
- Typed written essay

AWARD

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a one-time scholarship award. The amount of the award will be determined by the Scholarship Committee. A church check will be made payable to the recipient once verification of being registered as a student in a full-time course of study at an accredited college, university, or a trade/vocational school program and has been verified by the Scholarship Committee.

Richard Allen Scholarship Application

Please complete the application with accurate information. This will ensure that your application will be reviewed and evaluated accordingly.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____
City State Zip

Telephone () _____ Email _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of High School _____

Expected date of graduation _____ Principal's Name _____

Guidance Counselor Name _____ Class rank _____

Unweighted GPA _____ ACT Score _____ SAT Score _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Name of College/University _____

Address _____
City State Zip

Planned Major _____

Have you been accepted? Yes No

Which Term and Year do you seek admission? ☐ Fall ☐ Winter ☐ Spring ☐ Summer

ACTIVITIES

List all school activities in which you have participated (e.g. Student Government, Music, Sports, etc.).

List all Church Activities in which you have participated (e.g. Church School, Youth Choir, Ushers, YPD, etc.).

AWARDS

List all awards received and community activities in which you have participated (e.g. Girl Scouts, Shriners Hospital, volunteer etc.)

HONORS

List all special honors received and any offices held. (Church and School)

WRITTEN ESSAY

- Essay is a minimum of 500 words but not to exceed 1000 words
- 12 point font, doubled space, Times New Roman
- Include your full name on each page
- Limit discussion to two (2) pages
- Topic is clearly addressed
- Ideas are developed and support the topic
- Writing demonstrates a sense of completeness
- Essay is free of run-on sentences and sentence fragments
- Essay uses correct subject/verb agreement and verb tense
- Essay uses correct/appropriate use of punctuation
- Essay uses appropriate/correct word choice
- Essay is free of spelling errors
- Ideas flow and fit together
- Details are sequential in logical order
- Writing has a clear beginning, middle, and end
- Ideas are presented in varied and innovative use of words, phrases, and sentences

TOPIC

How has the life of Richard Allen inspired you and what impact has Allen Temple AME Church had on your life?

APPLICANT'S CHECK LIST

- _____ Current official high school transcript emailed to **AllenTempleScholarship@gmail.com**
- _____ Required Essay
- _____ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
- _____ Read and signed the statement of understanding
- _____ Signature of parent/guardian
- _____ Retain a copy of completed application for personal records
- _____ Complete Packet emailed prior to deadline: **May 1, 2021**
to **AllenTempleScholarship@gmail.com**

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

We certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that failure to answer all questions and complete all criteria will result in delay in processing my application.

Applicant's Signature Date _____

REQUIRED SIGNATURES:

Local YPD Director _____ Date _____

Church School Superintendent _____ Date _____

Youth Choir Director _____ Date _____

Youth Usher Board Director _____ Date _____

Pastor _____ Date _____

Questions should be directed to Dr. Bertha L. Baker at sororbb2005@yahoo.com or 813-625-9458