

# The HigherEd Ministry of the Agape Family Worship Center

*"Helping Individuals to Gain a Higher Education Responsibly, Effectively, and Decisively"*

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## **AFWC 2024-25 Renewal Scholarships – General Information** ***New scholarship applicants should NOT use this form to apply.***

The purpose of the HigherEd Ministry is to assist individuals in their pursuit of post-secondary education. This year we are pleased to announce eight (8) competitive scholarship opportunities being made available to the members of the Agape Family Worship Center (AFWC).

1. **The Tonyell McDay Computer Science Scholarship:** a \$500 tuition and room/board scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in the computer science field. This gift is given by the family of Sis. Tonyell McDay, a computer science major, who was among those who perished in the attacks on the World Trade Center.
2. **The Willie Lee Jones Trade Industry Scholarship:** a \$1,000 tuition scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be pursuing an associate degree or certificate at an accredited vocational-technical training school after graduation. This scholarship is named in memory of Deacon Willie Lee Jones who served in leadership at Agape and worked in the transportation industry as a truck driver.
3. **The Barbara Owens Hayward Service Scholarship:** a \$1,000 tuition and room/board scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior or current college student who demonstrates outstanding leadership and service in his/her school or community. This scholarship is named in memory of Minister Barbara Owens Hayward who was the founder of the Agape Children's Church and Drama Ministry. She was also a dedicated teacher in the public school system.
4. **The Agape Scholars Book Award:** up to \$500 textbook scholarship will be awarded to a limited number of individuals to help defray the cost of books. Students must be degree-seeking candidates who are full-time or part-time students enrolled in or accepted to, an accredited university, 4-year, or community college at either the undergraduate or graduate level. *Recipients must achieve a 2.5 in their freshman year, a 2.8 as upperclassmen, and a 3.0 as graduate students.*
5. **The Izlar-Coleman Scholarship:** up to \$500 tuition and room/board scholarship will be awarded to one student who demonstrates perseverance in the pursuit of their educational goals. This gift is in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Coleman, Sr., and Justin Coleman, beloved family members of Bro. Al and Sis. Audrietta Izlar. Each of them was a great proponent of education.
6. **The James H. Collins Book Scholarship:** a \$500 book scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in mass media or mass communication. This gift is given by Agape member and former Agape Scholar, Sis. Niasha Collins in loving memory of her father, Mr. James Collins—who was a long-time member of Agape and of the Media Ministry until his passing. Bro. James "looked forward to working the cameras" and certainly loved being a part of Agape Media team. *Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average.*
7. **The Sherrell J Educational Fund Scholarship:** a \$500 tuition and room/board scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in Theatre Arts, Acting, or Music. The gift is given by Agape member and former Agape Scholar, Sis. Sherrell Johnson (Sherrell J, Inc.). *Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.0 (B) grade point average and maintain a 3.0 (B) grade point average during the award year.*
8. **The Rey Jude Math & Science Scholarship:** a \$500 tuition and room/board scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in the math or science field. This gift is given by Agape member, ministry leader, and elder—Dr. Odessa McNeill—in loving memory of her son, Mr. Rey Jude. Bro. Rey was a math scholar who became a chemist.

**Eligibility**

All applicants (and/or the parents or guardians of dependent applicants) must be active members of AFWC. Applicants must meet the specified requirements of each scholarship they select for consideration. Renewal applicants must be in good academic standing with a minimum of a 2.8 (undergraduate) and a 3.0 (graduate students) except where noted.

**Application Process**

Eligible candidates must complete the information within this application and return it with the required supporting documents. As a renewal applicant, you must submit a letter from your registrar's office verifying your enrollment status for the upcoming academic year. Finalists *may be* required to interview with the selection committee prior to the awarding of the scholarship.

**Application Deadline**

**All applications must be received (or postmarked) by June 16.** Late applications may not be accepted after the deadline. *New scholarship applicants should NOT use this form to apply.*

**Award Specifications**

The number of scholarships awarded will depend upon the amount of funding made available for the academic year as well as the size of the applicant pool. Therefore, these scholarship opportunities are competitive and not guaranteed for all who apply. Scholarship monies are made payable to the institution and not the individual unless they are being disbursed as a reimbursement.

**For More Information**

**All questions and concerns may be directed to [highered@agapecenter.org](mailto:highered@agapecenter.org) or [bjohnson@agapecenter.org](mailto:bjohnson@agapecenter.org)**

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## **Agape 2023-24 Renewal Scholarship Application** *New scholarship applicants should NOT use this form to apply.*

### **Student Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Member of AFWC since (date): \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parent Information**

If the applicant is a legal dependent of his or her parent/guardian, please complete the information below.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from applicant):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **School Information**

Name of institution attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of financial aid office: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial aid contact person (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Total annual cost of tuition \_\_\_\_\_ room & board \_\_\_\_\_ books \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: \_\_\_ Freshman \_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_ Graduate

Attendance status: \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time

Degree sought: \_\_\_ Vo-Tech Certificate \_\_\_ Associates \_\_\_ Bachelors \_\_\_ Masters \_\_\_ Doctorate

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

What other financial assistance (i.e. loans, scholarships, grants) have you received? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Employment & Extracurricular Activities**

Are you currently employed?  No  Yes (Part-time  Full-time )

If yes, where are you employed? \_\_\_\_\_

List extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, volunteer efforts, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List any organizations in which you are currently active:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Selection**

I am applying for the following scholarship(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tonyell McDay Computer Science Scholarship  | <input type="checkbox"/> Coleman-Izlar Scholarship               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Willie Lee Jones Trade Industry Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> James H. Collins Book Scholarship       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Owens Hayward Service Scholarship   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sherrell J Educational Fund Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agape Scholars Book Award                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rey Jude Math & Science Scholarship     |

*\*\*A transcript, letter of recommendation, and personal statement are required if renewal applicant is applying for any scholarship other than the book award.*

**Supporting Documents**

***Transcript***

All renewal scholarship recipients must submit a transcript demonstrating they have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.8 (undergraduate) or a 3.0 (graduate) through their last completed semester. GPA requirements may vary based on specific scholarship stipulations. An unofficial copy generated from your college account is acceptable.

***Letter of Recommendation***

A letter of recommendation from a person who can attest to your performance as a current college student and/or campus leader (i.e., a current professor, administrator, employer, or campus organization advisor) is required for those applying for scholarships other than the Agape Scholar Book Award.

***Personal Statement***

Please provide a personal statement (250-500 words) on how your educational experience is impacting your intellectual and spiritual growth as you prepare to be a professional in your career, a leader in your community, and a member in your church. Be sure it is typed and double-spaced using a 12-point Times New Roman font.

**Application Checklist**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application Form                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Recommendation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Transcript & Verification of Enrollment | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Statement       |

**Submit application must be received (or postmarked) by June 16, 2024 to:**

The HigherEd Ministry  
c/o Agape Family Worship Center  
P.O. Box 1623  
Rahway, NJ 07065

***For timely and accurate delivery, it is recommended that applications be mailed via the US Postal Service. Please do not hand-deliver to a single individual outside of the church office. Any application that is incomplete by the application deadline and does not have an explanation for information requested but not supplied may be disqualified. Scholarship decision letters will be mailed directly to the applicants on or about June 16, 2024.***