

# 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 Scholarships – General Information**

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 a \$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 the Media Ministry until his passing. Bro. James "looked forward to working the cameras" and certainly loved being a part of the 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 an 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. All high school and college applicants must be in good academic standing with a minimum of 2.5 (high school), 2.8 (undergraduate), and 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. If you are going to be a first-year student, please be sure to submit a copy of your letter of acceptance from the college you plan to attend. If you are a continuing student, 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 before the awarding of the scholarship.

**Application Deadline**

**All applications must be received (or postmarked) by June 16, 2024.** Late applications may not be accepted after the deadline.

**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 2024-25 Scholarship Application

### **Student Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to work while attending school? \_\_\_\_\_

List extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, volunteer efforts, etc.)  
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List any organizations in which you are currently active:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What ministries are you involved in at Agape? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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"/> James H. Collins Book Scholarship       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Willie Lee Jones Trade Industry Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Sherrell J Educational Fund Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Owens Hayward Service Scholarship   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rey Jude Math & Science Scholarship     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agape Scholars Book Award                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coleman-Izlar Scholarship                   |  |

**Letters of Recommendation**

All new applicants must submit letters of recommendation from two people. One may be from a teacher, counselor, employer, or community activist. The other ***must*** be from a ministry leader at the Agape Family Worship Center. All current scholarship applicants need only submit one letter of recommendation from either of the previous two categories.

**Essay**

A 500-word essay is required of all new applicants. It should be typewritten and double-spaced. Please be sure to proofread carefully as the reading committee will critique essays based on content, clarity of thought, spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Select ***only one*** of the following statements and write an original essay.

- Using your current involvement at Agape, as well as within other community organizations, describe how your service to others relates to your personal aspirations and educational goals.
- Consider an individual who has served as a role model for you. How have they influenced your Christian walk, academic interests, and professional aspirations?

**Application Checklist**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application Form (all applicants)   | <input type="checkbox"/> One letter of recommendation               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Transcript (all applicants) | <input type="checkbox"/> (current applicants only)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Essay (new applicants only)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Acceptance (first-year students) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two letters of recommendation       | <input type="checkbox"/> or Enrollment Verification (upperclassmen) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (new applicants only)               |   |

**Applications 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 the information requested but not supplied may be disqualified. Scholarship decision letters will be mailed directly to the applicants on or about June 24, 2024.***