



2025 Book Scholarship

We are pleased to offer the 2025 Second Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society Book Scholarship Application. Below are instructions, submission guidelines, and the application.

The application and all its components are due no later than **January 24, 2025**, to **Mrs. Benay Hawkins via email or US Mail. Address: 2200 Manor Gate Terrace, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774.** Please direct any questions to Mrs. Benay Hawkins at benay.hawkins@gmail.com or 301-325-6816.

Eligibility:

1. Active member of a Second Episcopal District A. M. E. Church and the Young Peoples Department.
2. Current Freshmen, Sophomore, or Junior pursuing a Bachelor's Degree
3. Current First-year college student pursuing an Associate or Technical Degree

Criteria for Selection:

1. Academic performance
2. Quality and level of church participation
3. Leadership and extracurricular activities
4. TWO (2) Reference letters

Application Requirements:

1. Completed application (typed or scanned into computer).
2. Two Official Letters of Recommendation **emailed or mailed directly** to Mrs. Benay Hawkins, from:
 - Local church Pastor
 - Local YPD Director (or) Local Missionary President
3. Copy of most recent **official** transcript (Fall Semester 2024-2025 Academic Calendar Year) **emailed or mailed directly from the college/university** to Mrs. Benay Hawkins at 2200 Manor Gate Terrace, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 or benay.hawkins@gmail.com.
4. A competitive essay written in accordance with the current theme provided.

Applicants must submit all requested materials to the Second Episcopal District Education and Scholarship Chairperson (Mrs. Benay Hawkins) or her designee.

Applications must be accurate and completed according to the directions to be considered.

Essay must be type-written error free and written to the current theme. No application will be considered if it is

- ♦ (1) incomplete
- ♦ (2) missing references or signatures
- ♦ (3) containing the incorrect essay theme
- ♦ (4) missing current college transcript and/or
- ♦ (5) submitted after the deadline.

For each of the 5 SED Conferences, Book Scholarships will be awarded as follows:

First Place \$1000.00; 2nd place \$500.00; 3rd Place \$375.00

The SED Education and Scholarship Committee reserves the right to make any necessary adjustments, and/or to award additional scholarships.

Certification * I have read and understand the Eligibility Requirements, the Criteria for Selection and the Application Requirements.



The Women's Missionary Society
of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

Name *

First Name

Last Name

Gender *

Date of Birth *

Month

Day

Year

Email *

Contact Phone *

Area Code

Phone Number

Home Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Parent/Guardian Information

Mother's Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Prefix	First Name	Last Name	Suffix

Mother's Occupation

Contact Phone

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Area Code	Phone Number

Father's Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Prefix	First Name	Last Name	Suffix

Contact Phone

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Area Code	Phone Number

Father's Occupation

Guardian's Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Prefix	First Name	Last Name	Suffix

Contact Phone

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Area Code	Phone Number

Guardian's Occupation

Church Information

Home Church Name *

Pastor's Name *

First Name

Last Name

Episcopal District *

Church Conference * (Baltimore, Washington, Virginia, North Carolina, Western North Carolina)

Church Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

List of Church and Community Activities *

Please list church activities you are involved in on the local, conference, district or connectional level. Please provide a brief description of each activity including the length of your involvement and any office held.

Ex. Dec. 2023 YPD Toy Drive Organizer/Participant; YPD Local President, 2021-Present; Young Adult Choir 2021-Present; Children's Choir 2010-2021; Area YPD Secretary 2018-2022; Usher 2017-2020; AV Ministry 2022-Present; Litter Pick-up 2020 & 2021; Golf Tournament Volunteer 2019

Church Information *(continued)*

Pastor's Email Address

Local YPD Director **or** WMS President Name

First Name

Last Name

Local YPD Director **or** WMS President Email

Pastor's Designee

First Name

Last Name

Pastor's Designee Email Address

Benay G. Hawkins

**Second Episcopal District
WMS Education and
Scholarship Committee
Chairperson**

Your Conference WMS Education and Scholarship Chairperson – Choose One

Rhonda Allmond, Baltimore Conference Chairperson

Liz Smithay, Washington Conference Chairperson

Zena P. Ray, Virginia Conference Chairperson

Diane Graham, North Carolina Conference
Chairperson

Donna Boykin, Western North Carolina
Conference Chairperson

Academic Information

Academic Institution *

College/University Attending

Student Status *

Full Time

Part Time

Current Year Studies * (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, 1st Year Trade School)

Est. Graduation Date *

Month

Year

Your Declared Major *

Your Declared Minor

List College Activities *

Leadership and Extracurricular Activities (athletics, clubs, community service projects completed at the school location)

Institution's Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State

Postal / Zip Code

Applicant: _____

Printed Name

Signature

**The Second Episcopal District
Women Missionary Society
Book Scholarship Essay Theme and
Scoring Rubric**

ESSAY THEME: Reflect on something that someone has done for you that made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?

As you think about your approach to the essay prompt, remember three things:

- Be concise
- Be authentic (original)
- Provide details
- Essay should not exceed 500 words.

Criteria to be Assessed	4	3	2	1	Points Awarded
1. Focus	Engaging and fully developed essay that completely addresses the prompt.	A competent and well-developed essay that mostly addresses the prompt.	Mostly simplistic and unfocused essay that partially addresses the prompt.	Poorly developed and unfocused essay that does not address the prompt.	
2. Organization	Writing has a compelling and <u>logical</u> flow of ideas.	Writing has a logical flow of ideas.	Organization is rough but workable. It sometimes gets off topic.	Writing is aimless and disorganized.	
3. Word Choice	Writing uses words that are striking and fresh but natural, varied, and vivid.	Writing makes some quality but also some routine or ordinary word choices.	Writing uses words that are dull or uninspired. Writing sounds like you are trying too hard to impress.	Writing uses the same words over and over. Some words may be confusing or inappropriate.	
4. Grammar Usage and Sentence Fluency	Writing uses proper grammar 100% of the time. Sentences flow well and vary in construction and length.	Writing has a few grammar problems. Sentences flow well but do not vary much.	Writing has enough grammar errors to distract a reader. Some sentences do not flow well and/or are not varied at all.	Writing has numerous grammar mistakes and poor sentence construction that make the paper hard to read.	
5. Spelling and Punctuation	Writing uses correct punctuation and spelling 100% of the time.	Writing has a few errors to fix, but generally uses correct conventions.	Writing has enough errors in the essay to distract a reader.	Writing has numerous errors that make the paper hard to read.	

Total Points _____

Scorer's Name: _____

Scorer's Signature: _____